SERMON STUDY GUIDE — March 8, 2026

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY – RESTORED IN CHRIST

Put Your Foot Down!

Based on the message by Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

In this message, Chad Everett walks through **Luke 10** to reveal the authority Jesus has given His followers and how believers are called to walk in that authority today.

Jesus sent out the seventy-two disciples into the harvest field with a clear assignment. They were not sent in their own strength. They were sent with the authority of Jesus.

When the disciples returned, they were amazed that even demons submitted to them in Jesus' name. Jesus responded by reminding them that He had already given them authority to trample on the power of the enemy.

Many believers know this truth but do not live in it.

Walking in spiritual authority often begins with a decision — **to stop negotiating with what God has already told us to resist**.

Because of Jesus:

- We are sent.
- We are given authority.
- We are called to stand firm against the enemy.

Believers are not called to live intimidated or defeated.
We are called to **put our foot down and walk in the victory Christ has already secured.**

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Hear → Answer → Act

Each section begins with a focus statement drawn from the sermon. Read the Scripture aloud. Let the Bible answer the questions. The goal is not inspiration alone — but obedience. Open your Bible. Go to the text. Let Scripture shape your thinking.

SECTION 1 — SENT INTO THE HARVEST

Focus

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

Jesus did not call believers to sit on the sidelines.
He sends His followers into the harvest.

Read

Luke 10: 1–2 and Matthew 9: 37–38

Respond

1. According to **Luke 10: 1**, what did Jesus do before sending the seventy-two disciples out?
2. In **Luke 10: 2**, how does Jesus describe the harvest and the number of laborers, and what does that reveal about how Jesus views the world around us?
3. Where might Jesus already be sending you in your everyday life — your workplace, neighborhood, school, or family — and what might it look like to see that place as a harvest field?

Reflect

• Do I see myself as someone sent by Jesus into my everyday spaces?
• Where might God already be placing me in the harvest field?

SECTION 2 — AUTHORITY GIVEN BY JESUS

Focus

“Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

The disciples discovered that the authority of Jesus had real power when they acted in faith.

Read

Luke 10: 17–18 and Matthew 28: 18–20

Respond

1. According to **Luke 10: 17**, what happened when the disciples ministered in the name of Jesus?

2. In **Matthew 28: 18**, what does Jesus say about where all authority belongs, and what does that reveal about the source of a believer's authority?
3. How might remembering that all authority belongs to Jesus change the way you approach spiritual opposition, prayer, or opportunities to minister to others?

Reflect

• Do I truly believe the authority of Jesus is greater than any opposition I face?
• Where might fear be keeping me from walking in the authority Christ has given?

SECTION 3 — AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE

Focus

"Behold, I give you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions."

Jesus gave His followers **authority over the power of the enemy**.

Authority means the right to stand firm and refuse the enemy's influence.

Read

Luke 10: 19 and Romans 16: 20

Respond

1. According to **Luke 10: 19**, what authority does Jesus say He has given His followers?
2. In **Romans 16: 20**, what promise does Paul give about what God will ultimately do to Satan, and what does that reveal about the position of believers in Christ?
3. What situations in life today might require believers to stand in the authority Jesus has given, and what might that look like practically?

Reflect

• Where have I been tolerating something God has already given me authority over?
• What lie or pressure from the enemy do I need to refuse today?

SECTION 4 — PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN

Focus

Sometimes spiritual authority looks like a simple but firm decision:

"No. This stops here." Believers are called to resist the enemy rather than negotiate with him.

Read

James 4: 7 and Ephesians 4: 27

Respond

1. According to **James 4: 7**, what two actions are believers instructed to take?
2. What does the promise in **James 4: 7** reveal about the relationship between submitting to God and resisting the devil?
3. Where might believers today be tempted to tolerate something spiritually that Scripture calls us to resist?

Reflect

• Where do I need to put my foot down spiritually this week?
• What habits, thoughts, or agreements with the enemy need to end?

SECTION 5 — REJOICE IN YOUR IDENTITY

Focus

“Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Our authority flows from our identity in Christ.

Read

Luke 10: 20 and Colossians 1: 13–14

Respond

1. According to **Luke 10: 20**, what does Jesus say should be the greater reason for rejoicing?
2. In **Colossians 1: 13–14**, what has God done for those who belong to Christ, and what does that reveal about our identity in Him?
3. How might understanding our identity in Christ change the way we face spiritual battles or challenges in everyday life?

Reflect

• Do I find my identity in Christ or in my performance?
• How does knowing my name is written in heaven strengthen my confidence in spiritual battles?

UNIFIED PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK

This week we live intentionally as people who walk in the authority Jesus has given us.

Step 1 — Identify the Battle

Ask the Lord to reveal any area where the enemy has been influencing your thoughts, emotions, or decisions.

Write down one area where you need to stand in truth.

Step 2 — Agree With Scripture

Read aloud:

Luke 10: 19 and James 4: 7

Declare:

“I belong to Jesus.
He has given me authority over the enemy.
I submit to God and resist the devil.”

Step 3 — Put Your Foot Down

When fear, temptation, or lies appear this week:

Refuse agreement.
Speak truth.
Choose obedience.

Spiritual authority often begins with a simple decision:

“No. This stops here.”

Step 4 — Walk in Victory

Before the week ends, ask:

Where did I stand firm this week?
Where did I see God help me resist the enemy?

Thank the Lord for His authority and continue walking in the victory Christ has already secured.