

SERMON STUDY GUIDE – May 31, 2026

Spiritual Authority: Restored In Christ — SONS & DAUGHTERS

Based on the message by Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

In this message from the Spiritual Authority: Restored In Christ sermon series, Chad Everett teaches that spiritual authority begins with identity. Before believers can walk in authority, they must understand who they are in Christ.

Teaching from Galatians 3, Chad explains that sons and daughters of God are not made through performance, religious works, or self-effort. They become sons and daughters through faith in Jesus Christ. Because believers belong to Christ, they become heirs of God's promises and recipients of His grace.

The message also addresses one of the greatest dangers facing the Church today: deception. Paul asks the Galatians, "Who has bewitched you?" Chad explains how believers can become fascinated by false representations, persuasive words, and teachings that pull them away from biblical truth.

Ultimately, this message calls believers to stop striving for God's approval and instead learn to live from the Spirit rather than the flesh. As sons and daughters of God, our authority comes from Christ, our identity is secured by faith, and our victory is found in walking according to the Spirit.

"The revelation of our authority comes from knowing Jesus and knowing our identity in Him."

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Read → Respond → Reflect

Open your Bible. Read the Scripture carefully. Let the Word answer the questions.

As you work through this guide, keep your Bible open and allow Scripture to shape your understanding. The goal is not simply to remember sermon points, but to encounter Jesus, hear His voice, and apply His Word personally.

This guide is designed for individual study, family discipleship, and Roads Groups.

SECTION 1 — SONS AND DAUGHTERS THROUGH FAITH

Focus

Spiritual authority begins with understanding our identity as sons and daughters of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Read

Galatians 3:26–29

Respond

1. According to Galatians 3:26, how do people become sons and daughters of God?
2. In Galatians 3:27, what does Paul say believers have “put on” through baptism into Christ?
3. According to Galatians 3:28, what distinctions lose their power to divide believers in Christ?
4. In Galatians 3:29, what does Paul say belongs to those who are Christ’s?
5. Based on these verses, what does Paul connect to belonging to God’s family: faith, performance, or works?

Reflect

- When I think about my relationship with God, do I tend to focus more on what Christ has done for me or what I have done for Him?
- What circumstances most often tempt me to forget my identity in Christ?
- How might my confidence, prayers, and daily decisions change if I consistently lived as a son or daughter of God?

Further Scripture Reading

John 1:12–13, Romans 8:14–17, Ephesians 1:3–6, 1 John 3:1–2

SECTION 2 — WHO HAS BEWITCHED YOU?

Focus

Believers must guard against deception by remaining anchored in the truth of God’s Word.

Read

Galatians 3:1, Mark 13:5, 2 Thessalonians 2:3

Respond

1. What question does Paul ask the Galatians in Galatians 3:1?
2. According to Galatians 3:1, what had the Galatians stopped obeying?
3. In Mark 13:5, what warning did Jesus give His followers?
4. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:3, what responsibility do believers have regarding deception?
5. Looking at all three passages, why do you think Scripture repeatedly warns believers about being deceived?

Reflect

- What voices have the greatest influence on my thinking right now?
- How often do I compare what I hear from culture, media, podcasts, and influencers with God's Word?
- Are there areas where I may be accepting ideas because they are persuasive rather than because they are biblical?

Further Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:6–11, Colossians 2:4–8, 1 John 4:1

SECTION 3 — JESUS IS THE TRUTH

Focus

Truth is not merely an idea or philosophy. Truth is found in the person of Jesus Christ.

Read

John 18:37–38, John 14:6, John 17:17

Respond

1. According to John 18:37, what did Jesus say was the reason He came into the world?
2. What question did Pilate ask Jesus in John 18:38?
3. In John 14:6, how does Jesus describe Himself?
4. According to John 17:17, what does Jesus identify as truth?
5. Based on these passages, where should believers look when seeking truth?

Reflect

- When facing difficult decisions, where do I usually turn first for answers?
- Are there areas of my life where I trust my feelings more than God's Word?
- What practical steps can I take to become more grounded in biblical truth?

Further Scripture Reading

Psalms 119:160, Proverbs 30:5, Hebrews 4:12

SECTION 4 — RECEIVING THE SPIRIT BY FAITH

Focus

Salvation and relationship with God are received by faith, not earned through works.

Read

Galatians 3:2–5, Ephesians 2:8–9, Romans 10:9–10

Respond

1. What question does Paul ask in Galatians 3:2 regarding how the Galatians received the Spirit?
2. According to Ephesians 2:8–9, who initiated salvation?
3. What role does faith play in receiving God's gift of salvation?
4. According to Romans 10:9–10, what response does Scripture describe from those who are saved?
5. Looking at these passages together, why can salvation never be earned by human effort?

Reflect

- Do I ever find myself trying to earn God's approval instead of receiving His grace?
- In what ways can religious performance become a substitute for genuine faith?
- What would it look like for me to rest more fully in the finished work of Christ?

Further Scripture Reading

Titus 3:5, Romans 5:1–2, Philippians 3:8–9

SECTION 5 — LIVING FROM THE SPIRIT

Focus

Believers are called to live from the Spirit rather than being controlled by the flesh, fear, or self-effort.

Read

Galatians 3:3, Romans 8:5–6

Respond

1. What concern does Paul raise in Galatians 3:3?
2. According to Galatians 3:3, what mistake were the Galatians making regarding spiritual maturity?
3. In Romans 8:5, what is the difference between those who live according to the flesh and those who live according to the Spirit?
4. According to Romans 8:6, what is the result of being carnally minded?
5. What does Romans 8:6 say is the result of being spiritually minded?

Reflect

- Am I seeking validation primarily from my thoughts, feelings, and performance, or from my identity in Christ?
- What recurring thought patterns tend to pull me away from faith, life, and peace?
- What practical habits help me set my mind on the things of the Spirit?

Further Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:16–25, Colossians 3:1–3, 2 Corinthians 10:3–5

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

You are not a son or daughter of God because of your performance. You are a son or daughter of God because of your faith in Jesus Christ.

The enemy wants believers trapped in striving, self-effort, condemnation, and deception. God invites His people to live from the Spirit, walk by faith, and rest in the finished work of Christ.

Spiritual authority begins with identity. When believers know who Jesus is and who they are in Him, they can walk confidently as sons and daughters of God.

Stop striving. Start believing. Move out of your head and into the Spirit. Walk in the authority that has been restored through Christ.