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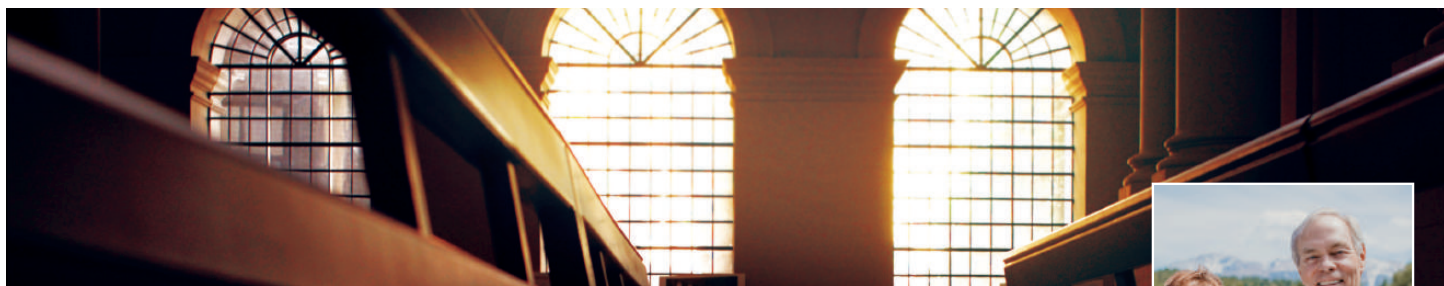
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The Believer's Authority: What You Didn't Learn in Church

How would your life change if you understood your authority in Christ? In Genesis 1:28, God said,

*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue it: and have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (emphasis mine).*

To *subdue* anything means to cause it to submit. This means that whether it be an animal, plant, or anything else on earth, **you have dominion over it**. In Psalm 82:6 God said, "Ye are gods," speaking of His creation. He didn't mean God with a capital G in the sense that you are a deity. This is talking about giving mankind absolute control and rulership over the earth. Did you know that by doing so, God limited His own power over what happens on earth?

Most Christians are not being taught about their authority in Christ, much less how to use it. But they can tell that what they're doing in their Christian life isn't working because they continue to be sick, poor, miserable, discouraged, and fearful.

The problem, however, isn't with God. There is a demonic power operating in this world, and you are in a spiritual war whether you recognise it or not. **Christians are the ones with authority, but that authority has to be exercised.** You've got to become aware of what's really going on and use your authority to rebuke the works of the enemy.

Matthew 10:8 is another Bible verse that says Jesus gave us power over all demons and all diseases:

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Notice that He didn't tell us to go pray and ask *Him* to heal the sick and all of these things. He gave us His authority and told us to do these things. God has promised us absolute victory over sickness 100 percent of the time—not just sometimes, for minor things, or only for some people!

But we've been brought up to believe that at certain times of the year, you just get sick. Or when you get older, you just start having all of these problems, and you need to accept it as normal. People will say things like, "This just runs in my family." **Whether you realise it or not, those are lies of the devil.**

One of the most important parts of our authority as believers is the ability to stand against Satan. In Ephesians, the Apostle Paul talks about the armour that Christians must wear to defeat Satan and why it's so important:

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, **that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Ephesians 6:10–12, emphasis mine

Why do you need to put on the whole armour of God? So you can stand against the devil's wiles. The definition of the word *wiles* is "a trick intended to deceive or ensnare" (*American Heritage Dictionary*). The only power Satan has is deception. He can't do anything to you without your consent or cooperation. But once you realise the battle is real, you can then learn to recognise what's going on and take the proper action to improve your situation. You can resist the devil.

James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

The battle we're in affects both physical and spiritual things, but we can't approach everything as if there's a demonic source to it. If you hit your hand with a hammer, it's not the devil that makes it swell up. If a person dislikes you, it's not necessarily because of a demon. It could be because of something you did. We need to operate in wisdom and discernment so we don't fall into a ditch on either side of this road.

Genesis 1:1 clearly states that all authority comes from God: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." So everything and every being—whether it's a spiritual being, an angelic being, or a physical being—*everything* was created by God. He is the author of all things, but He delegated His authority to us.

There are those who think God just sovereignly rules and controls everything, but that is wrong theology. I realise that statement is offensive to about half of the body of Christ. There are a lot of churches that teach that God is sovereign, and everything that happens is either controlled by Him or is allowed by Him. **But I'm telling you that is not true.**

I believe in the sovereignty of God if you define *sovereign* the way dictionaries do as being first in rank, order, or authority. God is absolutely sovereign by this definition. Religion has come along and put a different connotation on the word *sovereign* by saying it means God controls everything. But that is not what the Bible teaches. To win in this war, you must know who you are and the authority you have as a believer.

I've only been able to give you a brief overview of this topic here, so I encourage you to get the full teaching we're offering that goes into much more detail. Once you realise the power Jesus gave you, I guarantee it will change you forever. We have *The Believer's Authority* teaching available as a book, study guide, CD or DVD series, and USB. To order, go to **awme.net/believe**, call our UK Helpline at **+44(0)1922 473 300**, or complete and return the enclosed form.

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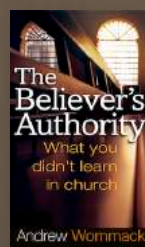
This month, Andrew Wommack celebrates the fifty-fifth anniversary of the day the Lord miraculously changed his life. Since March 23, 1968, Andrew has made it his life's work to share the truth of God's love and grace with others, first as a pastor, then as a radio minister, then as the founder of Charis Bible College, and now as the head of a global television ministry. Andrew has been faithful to the call of God for fifty-five years—but he is not the only one called by God. Each one of us has a purpose in the Lord's eyes that is much bigger than we could ever imagine!

As Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

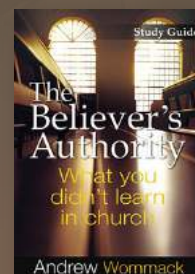
The Believer's Authority

Are you aware of how your choices, words, and actions affect your ability to resist Satan's attacks? The spiritual authority of a believer is a hotly debated topic in the church today.

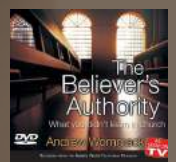
In this riveting teaching, Andrew challenges common misconceptions about the sovereignty of God and offers a unique perspective on the authority all believers possess. A lot of people think that God controls absolutely everything, but is that really true? Find out where the real battleground is and how to release God's power of blessing instead of giving in to Satan's lies. Get the knowledge you need to stand up to the enemy and win!



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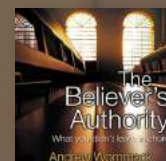
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You've Got a Story, and It's Better than You Think!



Stephen Bransford

Stephen joined Andrew Wommack Ministries in 1999 and is Executive Producer of Television and Media Production. He was instrumental in launching Andrew Wommack's *Gospel Truth* daily television broadcast in 2000. Stephen attended Bethany Bible College before graduating from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English. He is an award-winning author, a ghostwriter, an inspirational speaker, and a seasoned television producer—essentially a storyteller. Stephen is passionate about helping people discover their story in Christ.

Your life is a story that has a beginning, a middle, and an end. And because it's a journey, you won't end up where you began. But did you know that God wants to be involved in writing your story?

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

God has ordained you for good works and wants to guide you into fulfilling the purpose He created you for.

In every good story, the main character must arrive at a threshold, a place of entering or beginning. God prepares each one of us so He can bring us to these thresholds.

Most of us experience hurt, disappointment, anger, or betrayal during childhood, often resulting in an internal vow—*I'll never let that happen again*. Our natural response to pain or suffering is to build a fortress around our hearts and clench our fists emotionally. But God wants to lead us back to that vulnerable place and ask us to open our hands and cross the threshold to a new beginning.

Only by crossing that threshold will things dramatically change in your life.

Many times, I've witnessed people who've been brought to

the threshold yet never crossed it. It's a sad thing to see because breakthrough is always on the other side of obedience.

During my time working at Andrew Wommack Ministries in the television department, I've gotten to hear many people's testimonies. And all of the stories I've filmed—such as the healing journey of Niki Ochenski—have hinged around a defining moment when a threshold is crossed. It's in that moment that the person receives their healing, restoration, or financial breakthrough—and their life is radically changed forever.

God is writing the story of your life, but it's not going to happen automatically. It's up to you to yield to Him and be willing to cross the threshold. Maybe you're a single parent, a veteran, a student, a brother, or a housewife, and you've underestimated your story. But the reality is that your story is influencing those around you whether you realise it or not.

Have you found yourself at a threshold that God is asking you to cross? I recommend crossing it. The best moments in my own life have been the moments when I chose to step across those thresholds.

Visit awmi.net/video/series and watch heartwarming stories of God at work in real people's lives that will encourage you to cross the thresholds.



Watch *Truth & Liberty* Live—Now Five Days a Week

For the past few years, the weekly *Truth & Liberty* livecast has featured influential leaders discussing moral issues and current events from a uniquely Christian perspective.

The program is a media outreach of the Truth & Liberty Coalition, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organisation established by Andrew Wommack and other Christian leaders with a mandate to bring godly change to our nation—and the world—through the seven spheres of societal influence (Religion and Faith; Family; Education; Government and Law; Media, News, and Commentary; Arts and Entertainment; Business and Economics).

Looking to the future, Truth & Liberty Coalition aims to make an even bigger impact by expanding the reach of the show. *Truth & Liberty* is positioned to help people get the answers they need from the truth of God's Word so they can respond to important issues in their daily lives.

To fulfil Truth & Liberty Coalition's mission to educate, unify, and mobilise believers in Jesus Christ to change nations,

the program now broadcasts five days a week at a new time. The show will be ninety minutes long and feature a special live call-in segment where the hosts will answer questions from the viewing audience.

Andrew has invited friends Alex McFarland, Pastor Mark Cowart, and Truth & Liberty Coalition Executive Director Richard Harris to join him in hosting the new program. Between them, the hosts offer combined ministry experience of more than 120 years.

"I am very excited about the expansion of the *Truth & Liberty* livecast," Harris stated. "This represents a major step forward that will mean greater influence for Christ through the Truth & Liberty arm of this ministry. I believe it is going to have a huge impact."

Each day will feature a different host who will share truths from the Bible and apply them to current events and callers' questions.

Alex McFarland is a Christian apologist (one who defends the Christian faith) who has spoken at thousands of churches

across the nation and regularly teaches at Charis Bible College. He has been instrumental in developing the popular and influential *Biblical Worldview* curriculum for Andrew Wommack Ministries, including the soon-to-be-released fourth installment entitled *Racism*.

Pastor Mark Cowart is the Senior Pastor of Church For All Nations in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is the Director of the Third-Year Practical Government School at Charis Woodland Park.

Richard Harris is a longtime attorney who has argued before the United States Supreme Court, is Lead Pastor of Upstream Worldwide Ministries, recently served as general counsel for Andrew Wommack Ministries, and graduated from Charis Ministry School in 2015.

The *Truth & Liberty* daily program launched on March 6 and airs at 3:30–5:00 p.m. MT, Monday through Friday, at **TruthAndLiberty.net** and **GospelTruth.TV**. Visit **TruthAndLiberty.net/Daily-Show** for more information.





Partners Changing Lives: *Healed by the Word*

You've probably heard the expression "break a leg" used to wish actors luck before performing. Though Michael Schutz is a regular actor in many of our Charis Bible College productions, he would be the first to tell you luck isn't what got him through the biggest battle of his life.

Michael was born with extreme food allergies and later diagnosed with asthma. After eating most foods, he would break out in hives. Due to his difficulty breathing, he couldn't play sports. He got used to a restricted diet, but he grew tired of watching his older brothers live the active life that he too desired to live.

Sickness was robbing Michael of a normal, carefree childhood and, seeing no way out, his parents accepted it as fate. But that's when their friends Colin and April Carr, graduates of Charis, introduced them to Andrew Wommack's Bible teachings on grace and faith and the love of God. After spending countless hours reading Scripture and listening to Andrew, the Schutz family became convinced that God wanted Michael well.

Invited to a healing event by a neighbour, Michael went up for prayer. That night, Michael's family chose to stand on the truth they learned from AWM's *Healing Journeys* videos—that healing was already provided through Jesus' finished work on the cross.

Knowing this truth was the first step to winning the fight. After eating regular food, Michael still broke out in hives, but this time his parents stood firm. They chose to continue speaking healing scriptures over their son's body, like 1 Peter 2:24: *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes ye were healed**"* (emphasis added).

After a few months of putting his faith in God's Word with his parents, Michael was free of all symptoms! Today he is whole and living his life free from the shackles of sickness. Thanks to our free materials, made possible by our generous supporters, countless people just like Michael have had their lives transformed by the truth of God's Word. Friends and partners, it wasn't luck that healed Michael, it was teachings on the Word of God made available by supporters like you!

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Go on a Journey with *God with Us*

The year is AD 64, and the Apostle Peter finds himself back in Rome during the dreadful reign of Emperor Nero. Christians are being persecuted and put to death, and many are tested in their faith. But even when things seem hopeless, God's mercy and grace abound.

Don't miss the production of *God with Us* **April 7–8** and the opportunity to see a story of God's faithfulness that will inspire you to trust God through the most challenging times of your life.

No one is too far gone for Jesus. Peter made so many mistakes over the course of his life—and even denied Jesus three times—yet found mercy and grace waiting for him at the foot of the cross. There's nothing in your life too messy for Jesus!

No matter what you may face in life, God is with you—whether you're in prison, on top of a mountain, or in a valley. There is nowhere you can hide from God's lovingkindness and tender mercies that are new each morning (Lam. 3:22–23). He goes before you and behind you, making a way where there is no way (Is. 52:12). It's His goodness that leads us to true repentance, and that humility is met with more grace. For it is in your weakness that He is strong (2 Cor. 12:9).

Experience a story that will bring the Word of God to life and transport you through time. Phenomenal music, costuming, and scenery will immerse you in biblical times. Theatrical stage performances and an interactive LED backdrop create a spectacular combination of film and live theatre. This unique biblical musical will give you

a new perspective on God that will strengthen your faith.

We're also excited to announce that our Spring Market will take place in the Banquet Hall during the weekend of the *God with Us* musical April 7–8! Find beautiful, handcrafted items created by local artisans. Take home something unique for yourself, or find the perfect gift for your loved ones.

***God with Us* venue:** Charis Bible College, Woodland Park, Colorado

***God with Us* dates and times:**

- Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m.
- Saturday, April 8, at 4 p.m.

***God with Us* pricing:**

- Adults (age 13+): \$35
- Youth (ages 5–12): \$20
- Children (ages 0–4) will not be permitted in the theatre

Now with reserved seating! Visit **GodWithUsMusical.com**, select your seats, and purchase your tickets today!

Spring Market dates and times:

- Friday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 8, 8:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Make plans to attend *God with Us*, and go on a journey with God. It's an adventure you won't want to miss! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit **GodWithUsMusical.com** or call our Helpline at **+1-719-635-1111**.





Featured Testimony

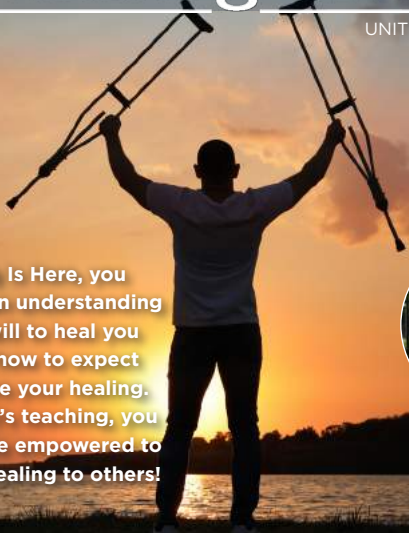
“ I will take away sickness from among you ”

Gary's wife had a cyst on one of her ovaries for 6 weeks or more. Prayed that the cyst be removed from the root. Week later she was examined. The consultant could not find it. He called in another consultant to check as he couldn't believe it that it had disappeared. The second consultant couldn't find it either.

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Cecil Paxton

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