



STAYING HIGH PART 1



Text:: Matthew 28:18 TPT
Then Jesus came close to them and said, "All authority of the universe has been given to me."

In the world system, staying high is attributed to being intoxicated with alcohol or drugs, when someone says I am high it means that person is no longer in control of himself, in other words you cannot just stay high, something must keep you high.

Staying high means to maintain a state of continuous oneness with God. The word "continuous" emphasizes that in staying high you must be in oneness with God always, irrespective of where you are, the weather, circumstances, or anything else.

Another word to take note of is "maintain"; this means to be in a consistent state of stability. Scripture says the path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day (Prov 4:18) (The perfect day is the day of the Lord).

Acknowledging the difference between Happiness and joy as well as your source of Joy is an important aspect in staying high. We were not created to be happy; the spirit of God does not give happiness but joy which is one of the fruits of the spirit. In the kingdom of God our joy is from the Holyghost, this Joy is spiritual, it doesn't come from this world.

Hence, you should create an environment for yourself such that nothing and nobody has the ultimate power to make you happy or sad. Your Joy should always come from your spirit as you carry out God's work. This means that you cannot be truly joyful when you are not actively involved in the Kingdom agenda. The bible records (Luke 10:17) that after Jesus sent out the seventy, they came back joyful, the disciples were always filled with Joy after carrying out an assignment.

Haven understood this, as an Intercessor it is also important that whenever you hear "God" you hear purpose, because God is a purposeful GOD.

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Understanding the Office of Christ

The authority we exercise as Intercessors is established in Christ. You must understand the source of Jesus' authority, for you to fully understand your authority.

The power and strength of Jesus was originally in heaven, when it was time for Jesus to carry out his assignment on earth as the son of God he needed to exercise authority on the earth realm. As such, God delegated this extraordinary power to him, so he operated with a "delegated power/authority" at the time.

Matthew 21:2-3 gives a record of one of the occasions Jesus demonstrated this delegated authority. Here, he instructed his disciples to go into the village and get an ass and a colt tied. He said to them if any man says anything to you, say to them "the Lord needs them". That was to show that the donkey was not astray, but someone oversaw it. Remember God created the earth and all that is therein, he owns all things, the Lord the creator needed this ass, this was the legal ground upon which Jesus acted.

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The Office Math. 28:16-19

The office of Jesus on earth was to be a lamb, he was to die for the sins of mankind, this was the reason he was given authority from God. Rev 4:12

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, He emphatically said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" Math 28:16-19. This gives us an understanding that Jesus had moved into a different level of authority, now he owns the power and authority after completing his assignment on earth.

Clearly, scripture stated that Jesus gave his disciples an assignment and sent them out, he said to them "surely I am with you always", referring to his authority that has now been delegated to them because of their assignment. It is apparent that the authority was given only to his disciples; a disciple is a person who understands the kingdom, his assignment and has been trained to function in an office.

Notably, in Ephe 4:11 Jesus placed men in offices to some he gave apostles, prophets, evangelists Et cetera. For you to have authority you need to have an Office, it is only when you have an office that authority is bestowed on you; authority is not for babes.

Conclusion

The authority and power Jesus gave us is for the assignment, it is for order, even if you are working in another sphere your primary purpose is to fulfil the assignment. As intercessors, we exercise our authority on our knees, enforcing God's will on earth as it is in heaven through prayers. In this way, you are maintaining continuous oneness with God (staying high)

