

# Lessons from the Heart

## Who's in charge



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By Pastor Eric Haley

Who's in charge? The thought crosses our minds when a 4'11" police officer approaches our car, when the little

guy in the striped shirt blows his whistle and takes us out of the game, when the lady at the airport security gate says, "Move out of lane and stand over against the wall." We

asked that question, briefly, but very quickly answer it ourselves. The one in charge is the one with the authority.

The Bible describes several different types of power using several Greek words, from which we get the English words "dynamite", "crater," and "exercise". But the Greek word *exosia* is the one that gets my attention. It is defined, when used in speaking of God as: "absolute, unrestricted right". (*Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*) It is translated in most modern Bible translations as "authority".

Authority is appreciated when we recognize it as something good and not something to do us harm. When we see that there seems to be an intention for authority to do us harm, it is then that we look to a higher authority. It is there that we find the Gospel of Mark so reassuring as he tells of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

In Mark we have a quickstep picture of Christ as He dwelt among men with the heart of a

servant. And yet, even as He took upon himself the form of a servant, He exercised His authority on many occasions.

In Mark Chapter 2, Jesus declares His authority to forgive sin, which only God could do. People have tried a lot of things to take away sins (and the associated guilt). In the movie *The Sin Eater*, a little Appalachian girl tries to find the man who eats people's sins so they can be forgiven—only to discover it doesn't work.

Others try a method a little less radical but still ineffective, as they try to work off their sins thinking two rights make up for a wrong. But you can't muscle away sin. It takes the authority of Jesus Christ to wash our sins away.

Later, in Mark Chapter 2, Jesus declares Himself "Lord of the Sabbath", again something clearly perceived as a claim to divinity.

In Chapter 3 we see His authority to delegate authority as He empowers His disciples. Sometimes people with delegated authority forget that they have a higher power and so the higher power exercises His authority to take them down a notch.

In Chapter 4 He demonstrates His authority over the

forces of nature. Without even so much as a ritual "stop the rain" dance, He simply speaks to the storm and it obeys His voice.

The demonic spirits in Chapter 5 quickly recognized His authority, even begging Him to go easy on them. By the way, it says there were a "legion" of demons, so it was several thousand against one, but the "One" was Jesus and that made all the difference.

Also in Chapter 5 we get one of many stories of His authority over diseases as He heals the woman who touched the border of His robe. There is significance in that which is easily missed. The border or hem was more than ornamentation. It served as a person's signature in a way, identifying their authority. This lady needed healing badly, and she knew just where to get it. Not from someone with just the knowledge to heal, but from someone with the authority to heal.

Again in that same chapter, we read about what might be considered the most important authority of all, Jesus' authority over death itself. It has been said perhaps too many times that there are only three things in life we have to do: be born, pay taxes, and die. Death cer-

tainly deserves to be on that list. There is no way around it. Even those whom Jesus raised from the dead eventually died.

But His resurrection power was displayed several times in Scripture, the final one being Himself, for He said concerning His life: "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." (*John 10:18*) In His own resurrection from the dead, Jesus took the sting out of the very thing that scares us most in life, for He experienced a real death and yet is alive forevermore.

As I read through the book of Mark and I see the authority of Jesus Christ in action, I can easily come to this conclusion. His authority affects me, but it doesn't scare me. I know He is looking out for my best interests. I don't always see that with earthly authority, but I can always expect that if I'm under His authority, I'm in good hands.

In the middle of the storm, in times of sickness, and in times of war, in times of death, it's a comfort to know Who's in charge.

Eric Haley is pastor of Calvary Chapel.

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**FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST:** SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:** Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Bill McLean. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

**FLORA FIRST BAPTIST:** 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.

**FLORA FIRST BRETHREN:** 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

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**FLORA GRACE BRETHREN:** 103 S. Willow St., Flora. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.

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**PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

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## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

### Parents can help ease son's transition to college

**QUESTION:** Our son will be leaving for college next fall. Is there anything we can do to help ease the transition from home to dorm life?

**DR. DOBSON:** For starters, author Joan Wester Anderson suggests that you make sure that your teen has the basic skills necessary to survive dorm life. Can he operate a washer and dryer, stick to a budget, handle a checkbook, get along with roommates, and manage his time wisely?

It's important as well to prepare your son for the negative aspects of campus life. Too often, adults present a rosy portrait of college as "the best years of life," which creates unrealistic expectations that lead to disappointment. Remind your son that homesickness is to be expected, and that he can call home anytime just to chat, or keep in contact by e-mail.

During the first semester away, letters and treats from home can ease the pain of separation anxiety. And be pleasant when that young man returns for visits. If he feels like an intruder, he just might decide to visit someone else's

home for future vacations.

Going away to college is a milestone for those who embark on that journey. With proper planning, it can be a positive time of growth for the whole family.

**QUESTION:** I know that my husband is a "womanizer" — a guy who can't resist anything in a skirt. Will he always be like this? Can I change him?

**DR. DOBSON:** It is difficult, if not impossible, to change anyone. It certainly cannot be accomplished by nagging and chastising. That only causes a person to dig in his heels and fight to the finish. What you can do is make it clear to your husband that he can't have you and a harem too, and that he must make a choice between his lust and his love. Unfortunately, merely putting these alternatives before him verbally will not force him to select one over the other. He would rather have both toys. That's why there will probably come a time for loving toughness when you back your words by firmness and definitive action.

**QUESTION:** My little girl, Tara, is sometimes sugar sweet, and other times she is unbearably irritating. How can I get her out of a bad mood when she has not really done anything to deserve punishment?

**DR. DOBSON:** I would suggest that you take her in your arms and talk to her in this manner: "I don't know whether you've noticed it or not, Tara, but you have two 'personalities.' A personality is a way of acting and talking and behaving. One of your personalities is sweet and loving. No one could possibly be more lovable and happy when this personality is in control. It likes to work and looks for ways to make the rest of the family happy. But all you have to do is press a little red

button, 'ding,' and out comes another personality. It is cranky and noisy and silly. It wants to fight with your brother and disobey your mom. It gets up grouchy in the morning and complains all day.

"Now Tara, I know that you can press the button for the neat personality or you can call up the unpleasant one. Sometimes you need help to make you want to press the right button. That's where I come in. If you keep on pressing the wrong button, like you have been today, then I'm going to make you uncomfortable one way or the other. I'm tired of the cranky character and I want to see the grin-y one. Can we make a deal?"

When discipline becomes a game, as in a conversation such as this, then you've achieved your purpose without conflict and animosity.

### Pray for our nation to seek God

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Romans 8:35 Pd. Adv.

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