

## Pillar 6 (Pt 1) - Authority in Christ

### I. Intro

- A. Unique training session
- B. Pillar 6, deliverance and healing
- C. Demo, we'll be talking about and tackling some pretty mature things, so please make any adjustments needed in house or on line
- D. We need all the time we can get today

### II. MARK 3:13-15

- A. READ

SLIDE:

13 And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. 14 And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach 15 and have authority to cast out demons. -Mark 3:13-15

- B. Our sixth pillar comes from the phrase “authority to cast out demons.”
- C. It speaks to the spiritual authority Jesus gave us to **help set people free from sickness and oppression, especially from evil spirits.**
- D. The purpose of this pillar is to empower you to address these issues in a simple but effective way

### III. The title of the pillar is “Authority in Christ”

- A. Luke 13:10-17 as a reference passage.
- B. This story in Luke 13 is a very helpful one. It shows us how demons can cause issues that show up as physical conditions.
- C. READ

SLIDE:

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.” 13 And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. 14 But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had

healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" 17 As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him. -Luke 13:10-17

D. In the passage, Jesus meets a woman who has been suffering with a back condition for 18 years. Verse 11 and verse 16 of the passage teach us that her condition is one of those situations and is tied to an evil spirit.

E. This passage shows us that we should recognize the possible connection between evil spirits and the need for healing.

F. Simply faith

1. Cinda???
2. Be loosed, Be cleansed
3. Raise hand
4. In the name of Jesus, be healed

G. DEEPER PRESSING IN

1. Whenever we pray for someone, whether it's for a physical, mental, or emotional issue, we should address both the natural needs and any potential spiritual needs.
2. In this encounter, Jesus sets the woman free with a simple phrase, and while that does regularly happen, sometimes things don't go as smoothly.
3. I'll show you a tool that will help you navigate through prayer situations in a way that can help you get to the root, so you can see more fruit.

#### IV. Ask questions

- A. When praying for someone, start by asking questions about their need.
- B. Draw a question mark
- C. We see an example of Jesus asking this in Mark 9:17-27 after the disciples could not heal a boy who needed both healing and freedom.
- D. READ

SLIDE:

17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." 19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. -Mark 9:17-27

- E. We don't know exactly why Jesus asked the question, but it serves as a good example for us to ask similar questions.
- F. Two questions you should regularly ask are:

SLIDE:

When did the issue start ?

What was going on in their life?

How would they know if the Lord healed them?

1. When did the issue start?
2. What was going on in your life when this situation began?

G. 1-10

1. It is also helpful to ask what a person's current pain level is, on a scale of one to ten, and how they would know if they were healed before you pray.
2. This helps measure the effectiveness of your prayers, and give you a gauge of what the Lord might be doing.

## V. Identify Links

- A. Based on the answers to the two initial questions, continue asking questions to identify possible links between their issue and anything that could have contributed to it or been an open door for attack from the enemy. We'll draw 3 connected links to symbolize this.

B. In 1 Corinthians 11:27-30, Paul does this and links the sickness and death of members in the church with the way they approached the Lord's Supper.

C. READ

SLIDE:

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. - 1 Corinthians 11:27-30

D. Although the issue in this passage is sin, that won't always be the case with people you are praying for, so don't jump to that conclusion.

E. Check for things like an experience of trauma, interactions with non-Christian forms of spirituality, or anything unusual in their past or family history.

#### VI. 4 H'S & 4 S's

A. I use an outline called the 4Hs and 4Ss to help me remember what to look for.

B. The Hs are:

SLIDE:

Hurts

Hates

Horrors (fears)

Humiliations (times of humiliation, rejection, etc.)

C. The Ss are:

SLIDE

They have committed

Committed against them

They have witnessed

In their family line

D. Notice the great contrast between each

E. If hurts, hates, or humiliations are identified, help them process through them, and release forgiveness where needed. If horrors are identified, help identify the root and renounce them.

- F. If sin is identified, have them confess to the Lord any role they or their family played in it, renounce it, and ask for forgiveness.
- G. If participation with non- Christian forms of spirituality are identified, have them repent and renounce ties to it, and affirm their commitment to Christ. Address anything unusual in their past or family history, as needed.
- H. These, of course, are not exhaustive or comprehensive instructions, but are enough to help you navigate through things.

## **VII. Pray with Faith**

- A. After gaining some insight into the issue, pray with faith for their healing and/or freedom, including any necessary inner healing prayer.
- B. When we pray, our faith is in the promise that Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:16-20.

SLIDE

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. -Matthew 28:16-20

- C. He said he has all authority and that he will always be with us, especially in the context of seeking to make disciples and serve others.
- D. So, let's draw a simple crown to symbolize his authority, write the passage above the crown, and take time to read the passage two times, out loud.
- E. This promise should give you confidence in every situation.
- F. When praying, command the body or condition to be healed and believe it will respond to the authority and name of Jesus.
- G. Command any spirits that are potentially related to the issue to come out, and make sure to pay attention to any responses in the person's body, mind, or emotions.

## **VIII. CHECK FOR RESULTS**

- A. After praying, check the results. Draw a checkmark as the symbol to represent that.
- B. We see an example of Jesus doing this in Mark 8:22-25 after he prayed for a blind man.

SLIDE:

22 And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." 25 Then Jesusc laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. - Mark 8:22-25

- C. Ask what the person is feeling or sensing, and what the current pain level is, if there was pain at the beginning. Have them try something they couldn't do before you prayed, if appropriate.
- D. Right the passage next to the check mark, then take a minute to read the passage outloud a couple times.
- E. Here we see that checking the results allows you to evaluate the person's condition which helps determine what to do next.
- F. If they are fully healed of a notable condition, take time to praise God together. Encourage them to get verification from a doctor, especially if medication is Involved.If they are not completely healed, pray again like Jesus did, or ask more
- G. questions, and identify any other possible links. The key is to follow the Holy Spirit, maintain faith, and try several times before you stop praying.

#### IX. DEMO

- A. Culture of transparency
- B. Friend Shared their sin
- C. You don't have to worry about people finding out
- D. Proud of Danzell. **Celebrate his courage.**
- E. Pray

#### X. Conclusion

- A. Read passages
- B. Pray for Danzell
- C. Spiritual formation training for more
- D. Close