The Authority of a Son
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"And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit." — Luke 4:14

True authority does not come from position or volume. It flows from alignment with the Father. Jesus entered the wilderness full of the Spirit, but He returned in power. That is the way of sonship—authority formed in secret, refined by fire, and entrusted by God.

Authority is not about proving yourself, silencing doubts, or performing miracles on demand. Jesus faced hunger, temptation, and accusation, yet He stood rooted in this truth: The Father is enough for Me. Sons who walk in that reality do not panic in chaos or strive for recognition. They carry the calm of Christ Himself.

The world craves results without process, power without submission. But the sons God entrusts with real authority are those who endure, who suffer rather than fail to please the Father, who live for an audience of One. Hell does not tremble at knowledge—it trembles when sons walk in obedience, seated with Christ, enforcing His victory.

Authority cannot be staged or borrowed. It is given to those who yield, who choose quiet obedience over loud self-promotion. Sons don't grasp for power. They trust the Father, and the power follows.

Scripture Reading:

Luke 4:1–14
John 5:19
Zechariah 2:13 (MSG)

Wisdom to Remember

"Authority that comes from God cannot be imitated—it flows only from those who live in union with Him." — A.W. Tozer

"God's purpose is not to give us power for ourselves, but to form sons who express the authority of Christ." — Watchman Nee