

FOR LEADERS: This week, we will not be having a formal discussion regarding the prayer of authority. We want to leave more time this week to practice authoritative prayer. Feel free to share a meal together, partake in communion, and then jump into the following guide.

Debrief the last 2 weeks teachings and practices (10 Minutes)

1. How did prayer of confession affect your holistic well being?
2. In what areas did you receive healing as a result of confession?

Read this overview (5 Minutes)

In Authoritative prayer, we leave the place of asking and enter into the realm of declaration. We do not ask for things to be done; rather, we release his glory into a situation and watch the power of God be released into the situation. This type of prayer recognizes the heart of God and his will for the situation and is moved to release and establish God's kingdom purposes.

Do this practice as a group (10 Minutes)

1. Have everyone in the group begin to think about an impossibility in their life.
2. As you sit and ponder, begin to ask the Lord to show you his heart for the situation.
3. One by one begin to share both (1) the impossibility, and (2) what you believe God to be saying.
4. Begin to pray and release the will of God into that situation with your group.
 - a. *Be reminded that in authoritative prayer, we are not asking God to do something, rather, we are releasing His will into the situation.*
 - b. *Also be reminded that Wisdom and Discernment are crucial here, we listen to what the Lord is saying, and we release it in the same way that He would.*

Here is the practice to take home this week (5 Minutes)

1. Ask God to place a specific need on your heart in the life of somebody around you.
2. Consider both (1) the impossibility, and (2) what you believe God to be saying.
3. Begin to pray and release the will of God into that situation with your group.
 - a. *If you feel led to call and pray with that individual, do so. If not, pray with them wherever you are at.*
 - b. *Be reminded that in authoritative prayer, we are not asking God to do something, rather, we are releasing His will into the situation.*
 - c. *Also be reminded that Wisdom and Discernment are crucial here, we listen to what the Lord is saying, and we release it in the same way that He would.*

