

KINGDOM AUTHORITY

Session 3

“Will-Power”

Introduction: We ended Session 2 with a vision I had of a man at the gym that had given most of his day to building up what was dying - **HIS FLESH!**

- I knew tonight Father was going to start revealing the key behind why humanity continues to fail in operating in the fullness of their Kingdom Authority.
- I heard these words in my spirit, “Your will has power.”
- Then I saw the title of this session: **“Will-Power”**.

Old Testament - Joshua Willed By Example

Joshua’s Invitation To Willingly Choose A Side:

- **A Farewell Address:** Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel, their elders, and leaders at Shechem for his final speech before his death.
- **Review of History:** He reminded them of how G-d had rescued them from Egypt and given them land they did not work for.
- **The Demand for Devotion:** He told them to throw away the false gods their ancestors worshipped in Egypt and beyond the Euphrates River.

Joshua 24:15 (AMP) – ¹⁵ If it is unacceptable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”



Joshua's 2 Options:

- **The False Gods:** The local Amorite gods in whose land they now lived, or the old idols from beyond the river.
- **The Lord:** The true G-d who brought them out of slavery.

The Tribes' Response: Depleted Will (The Leader Dies)

Joshua 24:24 (AMP) – ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and we will listen to *and* obey His voice.”

OUTCOME:

- Moses trained Joshua well; unfortunately, Joshua died, and the remaining elders did not train and ground the next generation of leaders in the faith.
- The next generation had no strength in themselves to resist the pull of Canaanite Idolatry.
- G-d's people are always one generation away from apostasy.

New Testament - Jesus Willled By Example (Praying in Gethsemane)

Jesus' Invitation To Willingly Choose a Side:

Matthew 26:38-41 (NASB) – ³⁸ Then He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep **watch** with Me.” ³⁹ And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; **yet not as I will, but as You will.**” ⁴⁰ And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, “So, you *men* could not **keep watch** with Me for one hour? ⁴¹ Keep watching and praying, so that you do not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”



Jesus' 2 Options:

- **Go ahead and sleep:** Give in to the temptation of the flesh until His time of betrayal.
- **Watch and Pray:** Stay awake and partner with Heaven through prayer so you don't enter temptation ever again.

The Disciples' Response: Depleted Will (The *Weak* Flesh Won)

Matthew 26:43 (NASB) – ⁴³ Again He came and found them sleeping, **for their eyes were heavy.**

OUTCOME:

- They can't use the excuse they were not disciplined.
- They were tempted by the flesh to sleep.
- They had no strength to stay awake...**WHY?**
- Remember, **Verse 41** gave us the answer.

Matthew 26:41 - "...the **spirit** is **willing**, but the **flesh** is **weak**."(NASB); "... the **spirit** indeed is **willing**, but the **flesh** is **weak**." (KJV)

Spirit:

Willing-(Greek)-*prothymos*-ready, willing.

Flesh:

Weak-(Greek)-*asthenes*-sick, impotent, feeble, without strength.

Understanding: The Disciples' **Will-Power** made the wrong choice! They chose not to do what G-d said! They surrendered to the weakness of **their heavy EYES** and relinquished their authority.

Revelation: The attack was against the eyes. Jesus asked them to **WATCH** before He ever asked them to **PRAY... Selah.**

Matthew 26:38 (KJV) – ³⁸ ... "tarry ye here, and watch with me."

LOOK AT G-D'S TIMING FOR THIS CLASS:

Understanding: We are in the Month of AV on the Hebrew calendar. **Today is 21 AV, 5786.**

- **AV-(literally)-** “father, abba”.
- Some modern Christian and Hebraic root teachings associate its linguistic root with a primitive meaning of **"to will or desire"** alongside its literal translation of “father”.
- The **9th day of Av** marks ***Tisha B'Av***, commemorating the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, along with other historic calamities.
- ***Menachem Av***, meaning **"Av of Comfort"** or **"the Comforter-Father,"** representing divine consolation.
- **Also, the month to advance - AV 15 significance** was, the 40-year decree of wandering and dying in the wilderness after the sin of the spies (**Numbers 14 - their eyes saw themselves as grasshoppers**) finally ended, and the new generation prepared to enter the Holy Land.

Human Effort and Self-Control Has Built-In Limits:

WE HAVE A SIN PROBLEM THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH!

Romans 7:18-20 (NASB) – ¹⁸ For I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh; for **the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.** ¹⁹ For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. ²⁰ But if I do the very thing I do not want, I am no longer *the one* doing it, **but sin that dwells in me.**

WE NEED HELP!!

Romans 7:24-25 (NASB) – ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

- **Romans 8** provides the answers that deliverance from the body of this death (sin capacity) is only found in the indwelling presence of the **Holy Spirit.**
- Paul states that the “death” for him was allowing sin to break his fellowship with Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:5-6 (NASB) – ⁵ For those who are in accord with the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are in accord with the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

Romans 8:11-13 (NASB) – ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. ¹² So then, brothers *and sisters*, we are under **obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh**— ¹³ for if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; **but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.**

Note: Paul Gives us the Answer To Walking Out Kingdom Authority.

Galatians 5:16-17 (AMP) – ¹⁶ But I say, walk *habitually* in the [Holy] Spirit [**seek Him and be responsive to His guidance**], and then you will certainly not carry out the desire of the sinful nature [which **responds impulsively without regard for God and His precepts**]. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature has its desire which is opposed to the Spirit, and the [desire of the] Spirit opposes the sinful nature; for these [two, the sinful nature and the Spirit] are in direct opposition to each other [continually in conflict], so that you [as believers] do not [always] do whatever [good things] you want to do.

YOU HAVE FREE WILL AND IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **A Command:** "Walk in the Spirit" means to let the Holy Spirit guide your daily steps and choices.
- **A Promise:** G-d promises that if you live this way, you will not carry out or finish the sinful desires of the human nature.
- **Our Conflict:** Verse 17 explains that our human nature and the Holy Spirit are in opposition, creating a daily inner struggle.

Key: Believers' #1 issue is we keep fighting the wrong enemy and we keep using the wrong weapons!



Holy Spirit said to me: “Tell My children,

They fight the wrong enemy, they use the wrong weapons, and they are in the wrong war! My soldiers must go back to Boot Camp!”

In Session 4:

- **Knowing The Weapons.**
- **Knowing The War.**
- **Knowing Your G-d.**
- **Knowing Your Identity.**

These Are The Keys To Kingdom Authority!

The End