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The Love Letter

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Bibles for Africa!

We live in a country where it is common for people to have several Bibles as well as other study and reference books, teachings, and other resources about the Bible. However, everywhere we have gone to Africa, we have noticed the extreme lack of any Bibles or even parts of Bibles available to the pastors and youth in our meetings. The further away from the big cities we were, the fewer people who had Bibles or anything to read or study about the Bible.

We have checked with several sources in the countries where we were this past time, and we can put a Swahili Bible in the hands of pastors or church leaders for \$9-12 or a good study Bible for \$23. We would like to bless as many pastors as we can with the opportunity to have a complete Bible that they can use as they minister to others.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider giving a gift towards Bibles for pastors in Mbale and Mpigi, Uganda and Bungoma, Kenya. The Bibles will be purchased in these two countries.

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and a **Merry Christmas!!**



Use Your Spiritual Authority! (Part 1)

Satan goes about like a roaring lion seeking to destroy everyone who is trying to stop or take away his power to kill, steal, and destroy! **1 Pet. 5:8** However, in **James 4:7** the Bible instructs us to submit to God and resist the devil, and he will flee from us. As Father's sons and daughters, we need to always be alert and ready to respond to every attempt of the enemy to steal our joy, peace, health, family, relationships, or any other part of our lives. Father has given us everything we need to fulfill His plan and destiny for our lives through the finished work of Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection. However, we need to learn how to exercise our authority, dominion and power on the earth as His sons and daughters for it to come to pass in our life!

In this and the next Love Letter, we will look first at our personal involvement in keeping the devil out of our own lives, and then how we can retake and occupy what the devil may have stolen or destroyed in our families, nations, or the world. So, let's get started!

Where It All Began

Our spiritual authority was originally delegated to us from our Heavenly Father through Adam and Eve when God instructed them to "fill the earth and subdue it" and have "dominion" over every living thing on earth. **Gen. 1:28.** Satan has always wanted to have the authority on the earth, so he saw the opportunity to deceive Adam and Eve and took away the authority God had given them. Adam and Eve gave away that authority when they disobeyed God's instructions and ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Your belly button gives you the right to have authority here on the earth! Since only a human being could ever be able to take back the authority Satan had stolen, Jesus had to come to earth through the womb of a woman to represent all of mankind. Jesus went to hell and took back the keys of hell and death. **Rev. 1:18** Keys represent authority. Jesus then was able to declare that He now has ALL authority, and He commands us to go in His authority and take back what Satan has stolen! **Matt. 28:18** Father has raised us up to be seated with Jesus at the right hand of the Father in heavenly places to complete the

commission to subdue the earth and have dominion!
Eph. 2:6 Our delegated authority is best demonstrated by a policeman. A policeman does not have the physical strength to stop a moving vehicle, but he does by using the delegated authority he has from the government of the city or country where he lives.

We must know who we are!

Sons and Daughters

It's a Father/son operation! Father has written a book in Heaven about each of us that has a plan and purpose here on earth that no one else on earth can do. **Ps. 139:16 Rev. 20:12** Our book tells us everything about ourselves and what we are to accomplish here on earth. It contains prophetic details about what we will be and become. It contains our destiny, purpose, anointings, and callings in life. We are all Father's sons and daughters who are meant to rule and reign on the earth and use His power, and the delegated authority Jesus gave us, but we still must choose to do it by faith! As part of His family, we have all the rights and privileges that Jesus has as His first-born son. Father loves us as much as He loves Jesus! **John 17:23** Through Jesus, Father makes available to us all that He is and has in Heaven and on Earth.

When we see God as our big Papa, our problems become smaller. However, when our Heavenly Father looks small to us; our problems look much bigger! We represent (re-present) the Father everywhere we go and in everything we do. To the extent that we walk as Jesus walked, satan or other people will see the Father when they look at us. Even if we are still not walking in all the ways of Jesus, when the devil looks at us, He will still see the Father or Jesus walking with us because they never leave us or forsake us. **Heb 13:5** In fact Jesus said that He and the Father have come to make their home in us! **John 17:23**

Living in the Kingdom

One big help in walking in my true identity has been to see myself living in the Kingdom and not just being limited by the constraints of this world. I've heard it said many times that "we may live in this world for a short time, but we are not of this world. We are part of God's Kingdom." I try to see myself living in the Kingdom all the time!

The word "kingdom" is a combination of two words, "king" and "domain." Someone's domain includes everything (natural and man-made) within

those boundaries. In a perfect kingdom, the king owns **everything**, and he takes good care of his subjects who honor and serve Him in every way. We honor our Heavenly Father by keeping His Word and doing only what He tells us to do. Because He is Love, we can walk in love too!! However, since we are also in this world, we still must keep the laws and respect authority wherever we live, unless it compromises our relationship with Him.

God's Kingdom is more real than this natural world. Faith allows us to see things that unbelievers cannot see. The Kingdom is where the supernatural becomes natural in our life. We need to train our brain to become conscious of the Kingdom where we live. I have started to see myself doing the same works that Jesus did while He was here on the earth. I see myself praying for the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead, and boldly confronting the darkness



in this world through prayer and speaking the Word. I also have started changing the way I think and speak so that everything I say and do lines up with the Word of God and His Love.

Kings, Priests, and Ambassadors

Kings – We are washed by Jesus' own blood and are now kings and priests in the earth. **Rev. 1:6** We are meant to rule and reign in this world. We are subject to the King of Kings, and we are His "kings" and "queens" that carry out His will and

commands in His domain. We are to go to war in prayer and do battle with the forces of darkness trying to take over the area where we live and our country. We are also meant to bring His Kingdom to where we live, like voting, running for office, supporting candidates financially and volunteering during elections. We need to be God's "boots on the ground" to help during emergencies or with organizations that help the poor, needy, or sick. We can become Father's hands and feet showing His Love to a lost and dying world.

Priests – Because our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, we are priests over our body to keep it holy.

1 Cor. 16:19-20 The man is also the head or priest of his home **Eph. 5:23** We are all called to cleanse, protect, and take care of our family! We are to lead our family in prayer and learning the scriptures. We are to train our children to love the Lord and honor and respect their parents and others.

Ambassadors – We represent the Kingdom of God here

on the earth just like an ambassador represents his country in other nations. We carry out the King's will here on earth. An embassy owns everything inside its gates, enforcing its rules and regulations. Our "embassy" is wherever we live and the Kingdom's rules are enforced by us as God's ambassadors on the earth! We have delegated authority from the King Himself everywhere we go!

We must understand our relationship with Father

Total Submission

Just like Jesus, I have had to submit my will to His will. When I have, things go well, but when I have not, I have gotten myself into a lot of problems and open myself up to the enemy stealing, destroying, and almost taking my life! Jesus is the perfect example. He said that He only did or said what He heard the Father do or say! **John 5:19-20** I have had to swallow my pride and false confidence and totally trust my Heavenly Father to guide all my steps and show me how to do everything. I heard someone teaching on humility say that "I am nothing; I know nothing; I have nothing; and I can do nothing without Him!" Total submission is especially important in dealing with demonic forces and taking authority over the spiritual darkness in our areas of authority!

Walk in His Power

Father is the Almighty God and He has all the real power here on the earth. Even though He has all the power, we still must use that power to stop the devil in our lives and everywhere we have authority in our home, church, cities, and nation. Satan only has power when someone yields their delegated power and authority to the devil for him to use through them. Satan uses fear, temptations, lies, deception and other evil forces to take away or diminish God's power in us and to use it against us or other people. We must stand in the full armor of God and resist the devil in our lives and over our families, cities, and nations! **Eph. 6:10-18** There are many other scriptures that I encourage you to study that will build your faith in the Father's power to work through us and change the world around us. Here are a few to get you started: **Phil. 4:13** *"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength"* **Rom. 8:31** *"If God is for us, who can be against us."* **Ps. 34:17** *"The righteous cry out and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles."* **Rom. 4:21** *"...being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He has promised."*

Walk in the Spirit

God is Spirit and we must worship Him and live

connected to Him in the Spirit. **John 4:24** We are a spirit and live in a natural body. Our heart and brain are the primary ways that we connect with Father, but our 5 physical senses can also sense His Presence and experience the spirit realm. We must continue to train ourselves to connect and operate in the spirit realm under His protection and watchful eyes. Being filled with Holy Spirit is very helpful in using our spiritual authority to eliminate the darkness in our home, and everywhere we have authority. Our influence and power begin to multiply as we become one in the Spirit with the Father and with other people. As we walk in that state of being one, we begin to look more like Jesus to the devil and the demons that follow him. *The wicked flee when no man pursues, but the righteous are bold as lions.*

Prov. 28:1 Our boldness increases as we gain more confidence in His presence within us and know the greatness of His power for us!

Hear His Voice

One way to increase our awareness of His presence is to spend time each day in fellowship with our Heavenly Father. We call it "Emmanuel Time." It is a time to separate yourself from the distractions of the world and quiet yourself so you can hear His voice and experience His presence. Our God is relational! Our Heavenly Father desires that our hearts be connected to His. We are meant to know His love, to hear His voice, and to feel His warm arms around us. He is always there ready to interact with us. We can practice His presence with us all the time wherever we are and whatever is happening around us. **Ask Him to speak to you** either through His Word, a past encounter you have had with Him, or ask Him a question that is on your heart. Simply enjoy your time with Him!

When we know who we are and understand our relationship with our Heavenly Father, we will be strengthened and have the courage to face any giant the enemy tries to bring against us. We will be able to resist the devil, protect our families, change our local, state, and federal government, and defeat Satan and stop his attacks. Like David, we will run toward our enemies and take back what the enemy has stolen from us, our families, the church, and our country. We will use our spiritual authority to subdue and take back dominion over the earth!



A Father's Blessing for Taking Spiritual Authority

I bless you to have a greater revelation of who you are as His beloved son or daughter. I bless you to walk into your divine destiny and fulfill everything Father has written about your life here on earth. You have a purpose, destiny, and anointing to accomplish what Father has called you to do. I bless you to have a deeper relationship with your Heavenly Father, an intimacy and love beyond human understanding. I bless you to develop a mutual mind with Father that will allow you to know what He is thinking about you and what He wants you to do for Him. I bless you to take your position in the battle to take back everything that the enemy has tried to steal from you or your family and restore seven-fold for it all. I bless you to be bold as a lion and march into the enemy's camp for he will run in terror before you.

