



## Take back your throne - Bible study notes

### Objective

The objective of this bible study is to remind you of your position of dominion in Christ and encourage you to live life from that position.

### Introduction

When God created you, his original plan was dominion.

**Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”**

He said let them have rule, let them reign. He permitted them to have authority in this domain called earth. **Authority is permission to exercise power in a particular space.** When God created you in Adam, you came with heaven's permission to be here! That's why it doesn't matter how you came, there are no illegitimate children, if you showed up here, you showed up because you are permitted to be here!

But not only that, you are permitted to reign here! **Genesis 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”**

He empowered them to influence that space by reproducing what He put inside them, and then reiterates the space in which they were permitted to use their power. Because if you are going to become the king that you were made to be, you will need to understand power and authority! When God created mankind, He expected us to reign on the earth, so He gave us power and authority.



Power is the ability to perform. Authority is the permission to use your power in a particular space. The quality of your reign as king will be measured by how effectively you exercise power within the space that you are authorised to.

**Ephesians 1:19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.**

**22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.**

How much power and authority would you say you are walking in? Paul's prayer is profound in the sense that His desire for us was to know the power and authority that we operate in as new testament believers. Today I want to encourage you to acknowledge areas of your life where you are exercising your power and authority as a believer. That is the true measure of what you know about the power and authority we have been given as new testament believers.

The plan of the enemy has always been to undermine your God given power and authority. He knows that if you understand that you have been short-changed by his lies, and you begin to exercise your power and authority as a believer, his days of dominating you are numbered! This is that season where you will take your throne back from the enemy.



### The perversion of power and authority

The fall of man perverted everything. Since the fall, the place that we were supposed to have dominion began to rebel against our power and authority. So even the ground, the earth, the space that we were authorised to exercise power over, began to resist our dominion! The power we had been blessed with, by way of the presence of God was no longer with us in the same way. Since then, the residual power we still had, was used contrary to God's will for mankind.

Unfortunately, this is how many of us live our lives, the places where we are supposed to have dominion over are resisting our rule and reign. And in many cases, we now accept that as the norm. Your flesh was never supposed to rule you, we were supposed to have dominion over our flesh. Your work was supposed to be subject to your creativity. But most people work in jobs that keep their creativity in captivity.

In 1 Kings 1, we find the story of David and His sons, Solomon and Adonijah. David had already decided that Solomon was going to be king, but when Adonijah heard that David was dying, he set Himself up as king.

Many of us in here, if not all of us, have Adonijah's who have somehow set themselves up as king in our domain! Those Adonijah's take advantage of a particular season of your life to announce themselves as king! Look at Verse 5

**Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, “I will be king”; and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. (And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, “Why have you done so?” He was also very good-looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.)**

At your workplace, low self-esteem has decided “I will be king!”. You want to go for that promotion, but your insecurities decided, “I will be king!”. In your relationships, your



emotions have decided, "I will be king!". For some of you it's the opinion of others that have decided, "I will be king!".

Where in your life has Adonijah anointed himself king? What's worse is that there is a level of legitimacy that Adonijah brought with him. He came with chariots & horsemen and fifty men to run before him, he came looking the part!

Sometimes, I think we accept certain things in our lives because they look like that's where they should be. We can allow unforgiveness to rule in our hearts because we were genuinely hurt, so it feels right to never forgive. You expect to just survive financially, after all, your parents didn't do nearly as well as you are currently doing financially. And so, what happens is that if care is not taken, we settle for mediocrity because, based on certain parameters, it makes sense. Something else has decided I am going to be king in your life, and it has handed you mediocrity and made you grateful for it.

The question you need to answer today is this; what is the gap between what I am experiencing and what God promised? To what degree am I being dominated in an area that I was destined and born to dominate? Who has decided to be king in your stead? What are they feeding me? What circumstances have you just bowed the knee to?

### How to take back your throne

- 1) Acknowledge areas in your life where someone else or something else is on the throne of your life.

1 Kings 1:11 - 13 So Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and David our lord does not know it?



Don't be in denial about areas of your life where you are not exercising dominion. If fear is ruling in the area of decision making, acknowledge it. If you are captive to what others say and you find that you are organising your life around their opinions, don't deny it! If your emotions are leading you to make decisions that are contrary to God's will for your life, take back the throne by acknowledging it. **You can't take back a territory if you don't acknowledge that it is currently occupied by the enemy!**

Sometimes as Christians we bury our head in the scripture, instead of facing life with the scripture. And that's because life is comfortable with our heads buried in the scripture, but it's very uncomfortable when we face life with the scripture. Sometimes we prefer to look like we are dominating instead of actually dominating. Don't do that. Acknowledge those areas that you relinquished authority to your circumstances, to your feelings, to your flesh, to the enemy, to your past.

Just like God used Nathan here to let them know what was going on, God will often use people to highlight certain areas of your life that needs work. Be teachable. Be open to instruction. Sometimes it takes others to point out our blind spots. Repentance always precedes salvation.

[Further reading: Isaiah 30:15, 1 John 1:9]

## 2) Remind God of His Word!

1 Kings 1:17-18 Then she said to him, "My lord, you swore by the Lord your God to your maidservant, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.' So now, look! Adonijah has become king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know about it

Whatever you do, remember that your right to the throne did not start with you. God started it. Jesus won the victory and gave it to you. It is our responsibility to defend the



victory that He has given us. Go back to God, bring Him to remembrance of His Word. It's not that He has forgotten, but when you remind God of His Word, you communicate that you understand your covenant and that you desire what he desires for you.

Don't be silent. Search the scripture. Find the scripture. Speak the scripture. Activate your covenant promises in prayer. Stop begging in a territory that you are meant to be reigning. Speak the Word! Remind God of His covenant.

**[Further reading: 2 Chronicles 20:20, Isaiah 43:26]**

### **3) Believe that your God will fight for you!**

**1 Kings 1:28 – 30** Then King David answered and said, “Call Bathsheba to me.” So she came into the king’s presence and stood before the king. And the king took an oath and said, “As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my life from every distress, just as I swore to you by the Lord God of Israel, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,’ so I certainly will do this day.”

One of the reasons, if not the main reason why we can afford to face the things that have dominated us is that the battle is not won in our own strength! If you were strong enough to defeat that enemy on your own, it will not be occupying your space. We can acknowledge that I have a problem with this, or I’m not reigning in my health because you have a God who will fight for you. You are brave enough to pull out a calculator to work out how much debt you are carrying because God will fight for you!

Listen, you are not here by yourself. You did not come on this assignment! Just like an ambassador, in a foreign country, if you are having problems executing your duty, you don’t need to figure it all out by yourself, all of heaven is backing you! The power of heaven is available to help you fight that addiction! The wisdom of heaven is available to help you



influence that industry and build that company. The grace of God is available to help you turn around that mistake! Your God is strong and mighty He will fight for you!

[Further reading: Nehemiah 4:20, Exodus 14:14]

#### 4) Do what God says.

If you stay with the story in **1 Kings 1**, David gave specific instructions about what they were to do to ensure that Solomon is rightfully enthroned. When we call on God He will give you instructions! In fact, most of the time, the instructions that we need to begin to exercise dominion over our finances, or our flesh or our world, is already in the Word.

In the new testament, obedience is not primarily about going to heaven or not. Obedience is about successfully outworking and manifesting everything that the grace of God has provided for us. **Romans 5:17** says that those who receive the abundance of God's grace will reign in life! God's grace is given to help us exercise dominion. God's Word, His instructions are evidence of His grace. When you obey His Word, follow His instruction, dominion is inevitable!

**1 John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.**

Faith is beyond mental ascent. Faith is demonstrated in actions. Whatever the Word says to do, just do it!

#### 5) Release the sound of a king from your mouth.

Part of the instructions that David gave them had to do with verbal declarations of Solomon's kingship. The blowing of the horn and the celebration of the people. All of which they were supposed to do, whilst Adonijah was, in essence "still king".



Don't wait till you can see that the addiction no longer has a grip on you to declare your kingship. Declare it now! Celebrate your freedom now! Rejoice right now! Make an announcement to your emotions that you are the boss of your emotions! Make an announcement to yourself about your work, that God has placed you there on assignment...you are a king in that industry! Rejoice about your success before the success manifests! Celebrate overcoming before the victory is evident.

When you shout and celebrate, you invade the space of the enemy, you displace the enemy and enthrone God, you send a victory message to the enemy. The dethronement of Adonijah began when the noise from Solomon's coronation reached their ears.

Every time the enemy hears authentic, faith filled praise, he knows that his end is near. Whatever you do, keep the sound of praise and victory in your mouth. Praise marks the beginning of the end for that enemy that is occupying your territory.

### Conclusion

**1 Kings 1: 50-51 Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and went and took hold of the horns of the altar. And it was told Solomon, saying, “Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, ‘Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.’ ”**

The enemy is afraid of you. He is hoping that you will live life afraid of Him. He is hoping that you will be to afraid to come and ask for your mind back, to ask for your health back. He is hoping that you will be too scared to speak hope and life over your situation.

It's time to take you throne back!



## Discussion

- What kind of things tend to take the place of “kings” in our lives?
- Name 5 areas where you believe you (we) should be exercising dominion over.
- Think of examples of how God has fought for you in times past
- What do you think are the dangers of not acting on God’s Word?