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In the Name of Jesus

John 14.12–14; 15.16;16.23–27

Introduction: What does it mean to ask in the name of Jesus?

- a. Very few Christians know or operate in this realm. If you own a house, you know every room and are aware of every feature. Yet, very few Christians know of the authority they have in the house of prayer when they use Jesus' name.
- b. We think it's a good way of ending a prayer. It's like adding the zip code at the bottom of a letter, so it's sent to the right place.

The Power of Attorney

2. It means to have power of attorney
  - a. Illust - Video
  - b. A person legally authorizes another to act on his behalf in legal, financial, business and/or health care matters. It's usually understood that the person with the power of attorney will always carry out the desires, whether directed or implied, by the grantor. You carry out His will.
    - c. Jesus authorizes us to act on his behalf. By using His name, we are carrying out His will.
3. This puts prayer on a legal basis. I'm asking for or doing something on Jesus' behalf with His full authority, and weight behind it. Prayer is more than just bearing my heart to God; it is carrying out the will of God on earth as it is in Heaven.
4. Jesus is saying in these passages, "You ask the Father in my name; I'll endorse it; and the Father will give it to you." When we pray in Jesus' name, it is as though Jesus is doing the praying! Jesus is asking through your lips!
5. The Great Commission: I have been given all authority in Heaven and on earth...go make disciples...I am with you always. Jesus is still carrying out the will of His Father on earth through your life.

- You are His ambassador and whatever you do, in His name, it is as if He physically were doing it.
6. When we do anything in Jesus' name, it is he who is doing the work; when we ask anything in Jesus' name, it is he who is asking the Father. Js' work and prayers continue today through us.
  7. The Power of Attorney is only as sweeping or strong as the grantor. If the person who granted the power of attorney only has a small estate and meager mends then the one serving as the attorney has limited means.
    - a. Illust - The power of attorney for a poor man & rich man.
  8. Whatever is done by the attorney must honor the desires of the grantor.
    - a. Ill of having the power of attorney for your parents.
    - b. Scripture - 1 John 5.14f
  9. Determining the will of Jesus today.
    - a. Everything He did and said is still His will today!
      - i. You don't ask if its Jesus' will to save people; we know its his will. The same is true of other things.
    - b. Addressing the Satan, sin & sickness issues of the day.
    - c. Promoting truth, love & His Father's kingdom.
    - d. Illust or paying your taxes. I know He hears me. I expect the release of financial resources, strategy or opportunity to meet those needs. It moves prayer from pleading to one of confidence & faith.
  10. What if you aren't sure? Rom.8.26-28. The Spirit prays when we don't know what to say and He works everything out according to God's will.

#### What is behind that Name

1. It's a more excellent name than any of the angels - Heb.1
2. It is the only name where salvation can be found - Acts 4
3. It is the name above every name - Phil.2
4. It is a name that conquered sin, Satan, death, disease, injustice and hell. Nothing can stand against it.

5. It is more than a title. It is its own weather system that can change an environment in a moment or over time (sometimes it's like leaven & other times it's like salt).
  - a. Ill. – Like the weather system that came into our area on Monday morning. It changed the entire atmosphere.
  - b. When we pray with understanding in Jesus' name, we are bringing the weather system of heaven into an environment.
  - c. Ill – Iranian Christian ladies released from prison

#### The Example of Ephesus in Acts 19

1. How the name of Jesus in the lives of believers moved a region
2. 19.5 – trusted and baptized in the name of Jesus. No longer John's disciples (baptized by John), but Jesus'. The HS fell upon them like He did upon Jesus, the 120 in the Upper Room in Acts 2, and on Cornelius' household in Acts 10.
3. 19.9 – “lecture hall of Tyrannus” – a school hall where teachers and pupils would gather for lectures and discussion.
4. 19.10 – the message of Jesus proclaimed to the entire region & in a key educational institution.
5. 19.11f – the actions of Jesus manifested in a region
6. 19.13–16, the reaction of demons to Jesus' name and to those who falsely bore it.
7. 19.17 – the region shaken.
8. 19.18–20, A great revival
9. 19.23–37, the sinful portion of the business community was shaken.
10. Every dimension of society – family, religion, education, business, government and communication was influenced by the name of Jesus. The weather system (name of Jesus) came into a region and changed it. As you operate in both prayer & practice in the name of Jesus, you are bringing about His will.
11. Let's believe it for our region!
12. Illustration of Sentinel Group report of Manchester, KY.

## Wearing the Name of Jesus

1. When I talk about authority in the name of Jesus, the authority is not in the word “Jesus”, but in person of Jesus. You can’t say “Jesus” 70xs and expect some great authority; the authority is realized when you understand the power of Jesus.
2. Eph.1.17–22. We need to come to understand His incredibly great power...that everything is under His control. When I ask for something in His name, it’s with the understanding that He has control over it. It belongs to Him.
3. Illustr – Team Jersey with QB name on it. When I wear this jersey am I suggesting I am Matt Schaub or Tony Romo? Could I go to a Texan’s game and get out on the field and QB the team? The name only means I’m a fan. The coach or Schaub wouldn’t entrust me to be the QB.
4. It’s different when I put on the Jesus jersey. I’m not wearing it to show that I’m a Jesus fan (though I am). It means Jesus has put me in the game. I am playing & praying like him. I am doing His business as Him. I am carrying out His game plan with His full approval and authority. Jesus isn’t literally in the game any longer; he left the game and has empowered us to take His place. We are wearing His name, using His authority to carry out His will on earth.
5. Remember Power of Attorney. He has authorized you to carry out His will in His name.
  - a. Illust – Praying for your marriage. But it’s faith & works. You have to responsive to the people, resources, impressions and circumstances he sends.
  - b. You have the same authority He had while on earth. You have been grafted into that vine so that there is no difference in the life that flows through you and Him.

## A Signed Blank Check

1. Jesus has authority over heaven and earth. Everything is at His disposal. He has now turned over the expansion of His Father’s Kingdom and He has placed

His full authority behind us. He has delegated you His authority.

2. Matt.8 – The faith of the centurion. He understood delegated authority. **He is the example of the type of person the Father wants us to be when we ask.** We ask with the full confidence that we have authority over sickness, disease, circumstances, mountains, etc... everything contrary to God's will. It must submit to Him!
3. Illustration of Stephanie sickness. She is healed, b/c Jesus defeated disease on the cross. Is.53.5. In God's mind, she is healed. It's gone from her brain
4. Illust – a signed blank check. How much is a signed, blank check worth? Whatever the originator has in the bank. If Warren Buffett gave you a blank check how much would you write out? How much can a child write out the check for...the adult? It's not a question of age or maturing, but of apprehending your own true position in Christ and there using the power that has been legally transferred to you.
5. All authority in heaven and earth...all things are under His control. He has given you a blank check with His name on it. Whatever you ask that is in agreement with His will has the complete backing of Heaven behind it. You don't have to struggle or "faith it" into existence. The money is already on deposit.

Conclusion: Power of attorney: Jesus authorizes you to act on his behalf. By using His name, you are carrying out His will with His approval and power and the full resources of Heaven and earth behind it.

