



The Word: Authority
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What does it mean that God's Word has Authority?

Author is the originator or creator of a work.

Authority is the formal right to give orders and commands, and make decisions.

The author of life, would have authority over life.

GENESIS 1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Then God said...

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." John 1:1-3

Logos (Greek: "word," "reason," or "plan"), the divine reason
Logos - Logic – Meaning / Purpose / TRUTH

There was Authorship in the beginning – Design, ORDER from Chaos.
There was Authority in the beginning.

"Remember how the LORD your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands. ³Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. For all these forty years your clothes didn't wear out, and your feet didn't blister or swell." Deuteronomy 8:2-4

Read Exodus 16:4-33

"The LORD asked Moses, "How long will these people refuse to obey my commands and instructions?" Exodus 16:28

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil^[a] came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:1-4

What would it mean for you to say God's Word has authority for your life?

Whenever there is a conflict between the way I feel and what God says,
**I will obey Him,
I will obey His Word**

Questions:

What would it mean to think of God as the Author of your life story?

How does this relate to His authority in how you live your life?

Have you had an experience where what God says and what you wanted was in conflict? What does it feel like to wrestle with God?

What in God's word can feel difficult to live out in obedience?

What is God's word do you take refuge in knowing?

How can you live more under God's authority / His Word this week?