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**Just Say the Word** - The Authority of Jesus and the Power of His Name
Pastor Daniel Aron Schmitt | November 15th, 2026

## Summary of the Message

A Roman centurion had soldiers who obeyed his every command, but he could not command sickness to leave his dying servant.

**He recognized in Jesus an authority greater than any human power and simply asked, "Just say the word."** Jesus was amazed at his faith. The same Jesus who calmed the storm and called Lazarus out of the tomb shows us that power is not in how loudly we speak or pray, but in who is speaking: His word carries divine authority.

At Lazarus' tomb, even while people said He could have prevented the death, Jesus welcomed the grieving family and wept with them: **He is not indifferent to our pain, and He is the resurrection.** His authority is above sickness, suffering and demons, because it is the power of God, the Creator of all things.

**Sometimes we are like Thomas,** wanting proof before we believe, but great faith trusts His word without seeing.

**His name is not a magic formula to get what we want;** it is the authority of a holy Person to whom we belong. And because all authority is His, He sends us to bring His hope to others. The best response to His authority is not just admiration, but surrender.

## Key Bible Verses

**Luke 7:6-9** *So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."*

**Mark 4:39** *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.*

**John 11:25** *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."*

**John 11:35-37** *Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"*

**John 20:29** *Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

**John 14:13-14** *And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

**1 John 5:14** *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

**Matthew 28:18-20** *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

### Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. Who is someone whose word you trust completely, so that if they say "it's done," you stop worrying?
2. Have you ever seen someone calm a room or get everyone's attention without raising their voice, just because of who they are? What gave them that authority?

### Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

3. The centurion had power over soldiers, but not over sickness. Where in your life do you feel your own strength has reached its limit?
4. We often end our prayers with "in Jesus' name." What do you think it really means to pray in His name, and how is that different from using it like a magic formula?

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**Start Sharing**

5. At Lazarus' tomb, people said Jesus could have prevented the death, yet He wept with the family. Is there a pain or loss where you felt Jesus was late or distant? How does it change things to know He is not indifferent to your pain?
6. Sometimes we are like Thomas: we want to see before we believe. Is there a situation where you are asking for proof instead of trusting the authority of Jesus? What would it look like to trust His word without seeing?

**Start Doing: Commit to Act**

7. Name one burden you cannot carry alone. This week, bring it to Jesus every day in prayer, without pretending you control the outcome.
8. Choose one person who is far from God or going through a hard time. How will you pray for them and share the hope of Jesus with them this week?

**Praying:**

**Lord Jesus,**

Lord Jesus, we thank You because Your word has authority over every storm, every sickness, and even death. We know the power is not in how loud we pray, but in You, the One who speaks. Thank You for never being indifferent to our pain, because You are the resurrection and the life. Forgive us for the times we let our circumstances speak louder than Your voice, and help us trust Your word even without seeing. Today we bring You the burdens we cannot carry and the situations we cannot fix. Teach us to pray in Your name with faith and humility, desiring what pleases You and not only what we want. We surrender our lives to You, because we belong to You. Send us to bring Your hope to the people around us this week. Lord, just say the word. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**In Jesus' name, amen.**

**Announcements:**

- Thanksgiving Dinner: Thursday, November 26th, at 7:00 PM, at Restaurant Pasteur..
- House of Prayer (HOP): Every Friday at 7 PM AT Centro de Formação.
- We need volunteers! Become a volunteer: talk to a leader to know more about it.