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**Teaching Title:** Governmental Intercession (Short Teaching)

- I. Command vs Petition
  - a. The pursuit of revival will be marked by cries of repentance, desperation, worship and a passion to encounter the Holy Spirit.
    - i. This is good.
    - ii. This will have limited impact.
  - b. We were called to govern as authorities.
    - i. We need to “church mom” the enemy.
      1. Difference between mom not knowing how to deal with unruly kids and a church mom that gives them one authoritative glance.
    - ii. We must understand our positional authority, our standing in the courts of Heaven.
      1. “...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” (Ephesians 2:6, NKJV)
      2. “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” (Luke 10:19, NKJV)
  - c. Our prayer life will explode to life when we shift from petition to declaration.
    - i. With petition, we are driven by hope.
    - ii. With declaration, we are driven by authority.
      1. We already know what God wants.
      2. We become his enforcers.
      3. We aren’t begging, we are commanding.
  - d. The power comes when the church understands it isn’t just a gathering of worshipers, but rather a legislative, governing body.
    - i. “You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you...” (Job 22:28, NKJV)
    - ii. The entire church experience will shift when we begin functioning as authorities in the region.
      1. We contend in prophetic, governmental intercession, get the mind of Christ and establish order in the spirit realm.
      2. When we decree we are coming into agreement with Heaven.
      3. “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?” (Amos 3:7–8, NKJV)
    - iii. Intercessors are gatekeepers.
      1. When we are functioning appropriately, we determine what is allowed to manifest in our region.
      2. “See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”” (Jeremiah 1:10, NKJV)



3. "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19, NKJV)
- e. We are the special forces of the Kingdom.
  - i. We are precise, powerful and contend with great authority in the spirit.
  - ii. We are prophetic. We hear God's voice. We push back the enemy and demand compliance with what God has established.