

Title: Rod of Authority

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Glory to God. Thank you, Father. We have had two children get saved and water baptized in the last three weeks. Praise the Lord. God is looking for all souls, isn't He? Hallelujah! From the eldest to the youngest, to know Him. It matters what we pour into them. Amen. Bless them all, Lord. Amen. Thank you, Father.

Today I want to encourage you. I've called this *message*, "Choose Life, the Rod of Authority." Some of this comes from my K4 lesson on Friday. The Lord wants to exhort us this morning. We know that we are coming into Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish New Year, which is 5786. It's amazing to me. It actually starts on September 22-24. It literally means, "the head of the years," and is the first of three Jewish fall festivals or feasts. They all matter and are significant to the Kingdom of Heaven. There is always a great, magnificent anointing and awareness of the Kingdom of Heaven during these times whether you know it or not. Many times throughout the years, I didn't realize what revelation I was receiving until I found out I was in a special feast anointed time of God, that He has designed before the beginning of time. God is real, and He speaks to us in time and in season. He manifests His Kingdom.

Sometimes Rosh Hashanah is called the Feast of Trumpets. You will find that in Leviticus 23, where He ordained all these shofars and ram horns to be blown hard and loud. So you can read lot about the Feast of Trumpets where they are literally blowing them. I know that they *still* do this. It is magnificent. I would love to hear hundreds and hundreds of them blowing at one time. It is a sound as a reminder to repent and encourage reflection in the hearts of the people. It is a time of new beginnings. Definitely, it is a time of a new season. It's a time when the people are called, up front center, to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. We step into those things, amen. There's a great sound that comes from Heaven for us to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying.

Today, regarding, "Choose Life, the Rod of Authority," I'm going to talk to you a little about dominion and what that is. Just flow with me here. Say, "Father, give me revelation of the rod of authority." First of all, we know that the Lord has taught us that, "Whatever we set our mind and will to do, that is true dominion." Okay, "Whatever we set our mind and will to do, this is true dominion." He has taught us. "What you set yourself in agreement with is true dominion." "What you see yourself doing for His name's sake is true dominion." You can hear, you can feel, you can see, and you can know. Hallelujah, "What you see yourself doing for His name's sake is true dominion." "Only Holy Spirit brings dominion within you, for you and for My Kingdom purposes," says, Jesus. Only Holy Spirit can bring the dominion within us. "Christ in us, the hope of glory."

Yes, Holy Spirit lives within every believer. Holy Spirit is Lord, and Holy Spirit brings the dominion, amen. It's all for Kingdom purposes. "Therefore all must be aligned with and through Holy Spirit, the true rod of authority and grace." That means, every saint and every believer. We must be aligned with Holy Spirit, who is the true rod of authority and grace. He is the One that brings the dominion within the believer. Once you were lost, but now you're found. You left an old place. You came into some place new. You've been born again from above by confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. You believed in your heart, and you received a Kingdom when you confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is the great Holy Ghost that brings that rod, that scepter of authority. You thought you just got saved, right? You stepped into the Kingdom of Heaven. We are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, and Heaven has dominion.

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The actual term dominion literally means *“to rule over, to reign, and to prevail against.”* I kind of like that one, *‘dominate, to subjugate and to tread down.’* You see a little fight in that, right? A few wars have been fought on the planet to get dominion over one another, by kings and authorities, for land, dirt, capitals, cities, nations, correct? But, *“The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”* Jesus said, *“Repent.”* The Kingdom of Heaven’s design is to come into the saints and bring dominion there, and to bring a rod and a scepter of authority that will produce life. Amen. Dominion, *“to rule over, to reign, and to prevail against.”* God’s Dominion and Kingdom are eternal. Thank God for that. It’s not just a passing moment. It wasn’t just, *“that was a good year.”* As soon as we get saved, God’s Kingdom continues to manifest in us for all eternity. We have all eternity. We sang about that this morning. *“For all eternity, we will see the glory of God.”* Hallelujah! We read this in the Bible where, *“They throw their crowns before the Lord over and over.”* They worship saying, *“Holy, holy, holy.”* They encounter the glory of Heaven, and they are continuing to give God, *“All the glory, power and dominion and praise.”* You hear it, because He is all in all and now He lives within us.

Psalm 45:6 NKJV

We know that God’s throne is eternal. Eternal in the heavenlies. When He takes up residence within us, it is an eternal throne. There’s an eternal throne inside of us. That’s why, you have seen the pictures of thrones, and when you make Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior, you put Jesus on the throne in your heart. Because, He comes, and He brings the dominion in your soul, in your spirit, and He takes over, amen. He manifests Himself all of our days. *“Your throne, O, God, is forever and ever. A scepter of righteousness, is the scepter of your kingdom.”* This verse confirms His eternal dominion. From that throne, righteousness shall reign always. It says that *“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.”* Amen.

A scepter, is a rod or wand, borne in the hand as an emblem of regal or imperial power. It represents royal or imperial power or authority and sovereignty.” So, the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of His Kingdom. It is a literal scepter. It is like a rod, but it is an authority. It is righteousness and justice. It is the authority of God demonstrated. Through scripture, this is how He explains it to us for us understand. No different than, *“The foundation of His throne is righteousness and justice.”* Well, *“The scepter, the rule and the rod of His authority is righteousness.”* That’s how He takes dominion. Hallelujah. That’s why we hear, *“Christ, our righteousness, He is the one that made a way for us.”* Hallelujah. A scepter is His way of ruling righteously in absolute truth, absolute power and absolute justice. Praise God that we have the right God, Jesus Christ, the Lord God Almighty. None these dumb, false gods and fallen angels. We serve the living God, amen. The scepter represents a rule of authority. All must be aligned with and through Holy Spirit, the *“true rod of authority and grace.”* Hallelujah.

Psalm 125:1-3 NKJV

Now you see the battleground on the Earth, because of sin and fallen nature, that the scepter wickedness and rule took over. Okay? There is the story, from Genesis all the way to the end of Revelation, to get the scepter of righteousness back in to the family of God, and to the government of God on Earth. When the scepter of wickedness is there, that’s where the people reach out their hands. There’s that draw to the injustice. There’s that draw to what’s not right with God. There’s that draw to sin and falling short of the glory of God. There are literally two scepters scripture says. There is a scepter of wickedness and a scepter of righteousness. When we were lost, we were under and subjugated to the scepter of wickedness. But now that we’re born again, we have been given the scepter of righteousness. There is a mighty exchange that has happened, right? *“I’m no longer a slave.”* You hear it? *“The scepter of righteousness rules the land.”*

Proverbs 28:12 NASB

"When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, but when the wicked rise, people will hide themselves."

Now, who wrote that? That's amazing. That's truth. Yes, is it not true? You see it, and you know it. *"When the righteous triumph, there's great glory."* There is great glory when the righteous triumph, in any manner. Heaven is there. *"But when the wicked are rising, people will hide themselves."* They run away in fear. They back up. Yes, but we're supposed to "stand." We're supposed to continue to walk on the foundation of righteousness and justice when they rule the land with the scepter of righteousness. Amen. The Lord wants to free us from any false scepter or rod. Okay, the Lord wants to free us from any false scepter or rod, that the enemy and sin itself has used against us in this life. I use the term, "Ever feel like you've been beaten down?" Anybody ever said, 'Man, I just feel beaten down, beat up?' Raise your hand. I am sure there are more terms. But, if you think about a rod, the false scepter or rod is when the enemy uses it to chop you down, to beat you, to come against you, or to wear you out. Bringing the same thing over and over again that wars against you and that makes war against you. But, Holy Spirit is the true rod of authority and grace. There is this battleground going on, and God is winning inside of us. He is winning inside of us, and Jesus Christ gives His disciples authority and dominion over all the works of darkness.

Luke 10:19 NKJV

This is a famous one. We know it. Jesus Christ gives His disciples, under the true rod and authority, grace through the Holy Ghost, *"A rod and a scepter of righteousness."* You have power to do what is right. You have authority to do what is just. You have been given anointing from God to hold the ground. Yes, to take over and to root up and remove wickedness. Isn't that glorious? You say, "I thought I just got saved. Man, I didn't know. I just go to church." This is why we read the Bible. How much power? "All," is what my Bible says. *"Nothing shall by any means hurt you."* Okay, this has been manipulated a lot, and crazy things have been done with this. It's not about playing with snakes. It's not about going out in the backyard and stepping on scorpions. It's a spiritual reality of authority that every saint has. As soon as you realize this, and you lay hold of this, you're going to beat something else up. Right? You're going to take over, and you're going to take ground. You're going to overcome. *"I give you authority,"* amen. The Spirit says this, *"He wants you to break the rod that has beaten you."* What is it that has beaten you? What is it just trips you up every time? What comes after you? What is what is hounding you? What is always there, you know? There can be more than one thing. There might be a propensity to a certain thing. Amen. He says, *"Break the rod, the scepter that has beaten you."* Alright? *"Use it for My glory."* Because every time we come out of darkness and we get delivered, then there we are glorifying the Lord. We will use that testimony and that anointing and that freedom to further the Kingdom of Heaven. Correct? "Use it for my glory. You are no longer a slave. You are a victor in Christ." Hallelujah.

Galatians 4:7

Through Christ, we are sons and daughters. We are the family of God. We are heirs of Christ. You're no longer to be beaten down under the rod or under the spirit of wickedness, or sin, or bondage, or sickness, or infirmities, or whatever it is that's lying and deceiving you or against who you are when you get born again. You know the past is the number one thing the devil uses to torment you? Saying, "You say you are saved, but remember, you're still doing ABC from the past." But, don't worry. The Holy Ghost is delivering us. Don't worry, He's sanctifying us. Don't worry, He's purifying us. Don't worry, He sees those things. He sees the spots and the blemishes. He sees the heart and the mindsets. He sees our motives. That is why He's Holy Spirit. He is the true rod of authority, dominion and grace. That's why He is doing this work. Hallelujah. He's working on us. Amen.

He says, *"Take the rod that has brought you into any false belief system and destroy it."* False belief system is a big one. Now, *"Take it and use the truth for My glory."* For instance, when we come out of false belief systems such as, number one, "Well, God doesn't heal today." That is a false belief system. Now, "I'm going to take the rod of authority and go heal the sick. I'm going to pray for my own flesh to be healed." Yes, other than, "Well, that just was for the time of Jesus. It doesn't happen anymore." We could go on and on, but it looks like that. No matter what that false belief system is, *"Take the rod of anger, and break it. Call forth true justice and righteousness. Take the rod of indifference, break it and bring forth unity with the Holy Spirit like never before, because now you are convinced in whom you believe."* I'll read it again. *"Take the rod of indifference, break it and bring forth unity with Holy Spirit like never before, because now you are convinced in whom you believe."*

Take the rod of authority and decree and declare God's voice and His word. Whatever you hear in the closet, speak it out, declare it, and decree it. Decree it as you hear God speak. You say, "Oh, how can that be?" He says, "Just say it. Believe it" Mary said, "Lord, how can this be?" But then she says, "Be it done to me according to your word." She agreed with it, and the Word was released, amen. "Strike the lies of Satan and his weak voice, with the powerful words of grace and truth." Strike the lies! I think we struck some things this morning. "Strike the lies of Satan and his weak voice, with the powerful words of grace and truth." Holy Ghost is the true rod of authority, amen. "Take the rod of oppression, break it, and sever all ties to the oppressor. Take the hate and turn it to glorious love and faith for healing. Break all ties to the accuser who had used that rod to punish the righteous soul who seeks Heaven." That is huge.

There is an "accuser of the brethren." That's Satan himself. He hangs out in the second heaven, and he accuses the saints day and night before the throne of grace. But one day, he shall fall completely, and we shall completely rise, amen. But right now, we're already above him, seated with Christ in heavenly places. Hallelujah. I love it. He says, *"Sever, break all ties to the accuser who has used the rod to punish the righteous soul who seeks Heaven."* Every time you're seeking Heaven, he shows you where you have fallen short. He trips you up again. He is trying to keep you from going forward.

God says, *"Destroy that."* Yes, we need the true rod of authority and grace, great Holy Ghost. We need the scepter of righteousness. That's how we rule. *"Declare that His word and works are not in vain."* It matters what we say. It matters what we pray. It matters what we read. It matters that we study. Everything we do for God is not in vain. There are rewards for what we do for Him. There are rewards for every victory. You say, "Man, I just escaped by the hair of my chinny, chin, chin." But you escaped, and you came out. You were victorious, yes. These works are not in vain, and great is our reward in Heaven.

He said, *"Destroy lack in the soul of the church. People who depend solely on their own strength,"* truth. *"Destroy lack."* *"There is no lack in the house of the righteous."* truth. *"Destroy lack in the soul of the church, who depends solely on their own strength."* That won't get you very far. You are going to be worn out quick if we depend on our own soulish strength to walk with God and see the Kingdom of Heaven manifest. Amen. He said, *"Destroy lack, overcome, and prevail."* You hear the Spirit of the Overcomer in these words. Jesus comes back and says, *"Blessed are those who have overcome, and great are those rewards."*

In Revelations chapters two and three, He talks about that. Yes, there are rewards for overcomers. He's looking for overcomers, amen. We're a house that's trying to raise up

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overcomers, right? All of us, everyone of us, are overcoming. We've *"overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, loving not our own life, even unto death."* We belong to Jesus. He's the master. We're the servant. Right? He's the Lord. We're the bride. Hallelujah!

"Overcome and prevail. Cease fighting in the flesh and unbelief," right? Unbelief is the greatest sin. You think it would be this or that. No, unbelief in God's Word is the greatest sin, because it says, *"They could not enter because of their unbelief."* We cannot enter and receive in unbelief. We've have to step out in faith and believe what God's Word says through the Holy Spirit, the true rod of authority and grace. He's aligning me with Heaven, and I am ruling now with the scepter of righteousness, truth. *"Cease fighting in the flesh and unbelief. Lay hold of this true rod of authority."* Say, "liberty and authority." All I've heard all year for the new beginnings here is just "choose life." Pretty simple, "choose life."

II Corinthians 2:14 NASB

"Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us reveals the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place."

Isn't that amazing? He does all of this work, and then we're just we're just smelling, we're glowing, and we're shining. We bring the glory. We bring the smell of Heaven. We bring the fragrance of Christ wherever we go. It's not just your perfume, right? It's a perfume of Heaven. It's a perfume of Christ. Amen, *"He always leads us in triumph in Christ."* Wherever we go, the *"fragrance of the knowledge of Him goes."* You can smell Him. Let's smell Heaven, alright?

He said, *"Dwell, I say, dwell. Dwell in with and through Holy Spirit. Forsake the voice of mocking and bigotry and stubborn pride. Dwell with wisdom and hear the words that she speaks. For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Seek the things that are above, and work while it's still called day. I say, work."* Now, if you'll notice this, He says it more than once. *"Work, I say."* If you hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying it is very direct, amen. *"Seek the things that are above while it is still day. I say work, for there's much work to do before My coming for My Bride."*

"Do not cease to give thanks. Give me the highest praise, and the high praises of God shall fill the atmosphere." That's why we do what we do here, because you can feel the presence and the glory of God. Every individual saint all week long, *should*, praise Him in your car, when you're in the shower, or wherever. You know you're just loving God. Worshiping the Lord at work on the computer. You're always giving Him praise. You are really worshiping Him, whether you know it or not, even in our sleep, 24/7. Our spirit is One with Him. If you know our high praises of God fill the atmosphere, then it shifts things. If I go to work in a negative mood, I can bring that in. But, if I come in with an attitude of righteousness, I shift everything. I shift everything. It's all it takes. You know, you are grumpy and then, comes someone full of peace and joy. It makes a difference, does it not? Oh, it does. How was work? You say, "Oh man, it was a drag." You know what I'm talking about? But, you have the scepter of righteousness, and He's within you. You're aligned with the rod of authority and grace, the Holy Ghost. You're bringing the atmosphere of Heaven everywhere you go and He comes. We're going to fill the whole atmosphere with the high praises of God.

He says, *"You shall defeat the dark lies of infirmities and weaknesses of the mind and flesh. Always war against them with my mighty arsenals of faith."*

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Wow, you didn't know you were loaded with arsenals, right? The Word of God. You know the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit. We're loaded with truth and declarations and praise and decrees and blessing and glory and honor. We are loaded. Most of this is going to come out of your mouth, and then you're going to demonstrate it in acts of kindness, in acts of the Kingdom, to overcome Satan, right? To defeat, to heal, to save, to deliver, to give to the poor, give to the homeless, those in need, right? To rescue, to shift something, to raise up and to labor for young men and women in the community. Whatever it is you set your feet to do. We are serving Jesus Christ in our spheres of influence. We're not just going to work, amen. Remember, I told you there's no retirement in the Kingdom of Heaven. You may retire from your job one day, but you are still on duty until you go see Jesus. Amen. Hallelujah.

Now, *"See the weary ones and rise to declare that they shall find rest as they persevere under fire for decisions of truth, because when you stand for truth, you shall be persecuted."* Truth, alright? He says, *"Pray for the weary ones."* It might be you, or it may be all of us. But, *"Pray for the weary ones and rise to declare, 'They shall find rest. They shall persevere, even under fires, for the decisions of truth.'" We stand. We stand for righteousness and justice. "The wind of My Spirit shall take what has once bound you, and it shall be as dust in the wind. Grace is my power to overcome the weight and the pressure of the enemy's opposition and pride."*

Oh, for the grace of God. *"It's only by the grace of God that we're saved."* It's the grace of God which is a supernatural empowerment to be able to do what God says, *"To walk uprightly, to overcome."* He says, *"Grace is My power, to overcome the weight and the pressure that you feel from the enemy's opposition, because he's full of pride. Yes, "Pride goes before a fall." "He's the author of pride, and he shall fall and be judged for it."* But, I don't want to submit to that. Do you? No, He says, *"Don't live as if you are without power. You've got to renew your mind every morning. "I'm full of power, authority and grace."* I mean, you can just roll. Roll with the truth and the word. All of a sudden, your spirit man comes up front and center. Now everything shifts in your day, because you've aligned with the true rod of authority and grace.

Holy Ghost is saying to bring that authority, to bring Kingdom dominion for His purposes. "I've set myself in agreement with that." There's dominion. "I see myself doing that now." Okay, there's dominion. "I get it now. I'm hearing it. I'm feeling it. I'm seeing it. I'm knowing it." There comes the dominion of the Kingdom of Heaven in your life, truth. Amen.

Always be open to God's truth, always. You know, when He speaks a word and you say, "Huh." Then He lets you search it out a little. You read the Bible a little. You go find it. You Google it. You search your Bible app. You find it, and all of a sudden, you are trying to see what He's telling you right now. It may be two words, it may be a paragraph, it may be a book, but either way, He's speaking. But, it's our job to pursue the Lord. It's our job to go in to see what He's saying. Always be open to the truth. If you think you've arrived, you haven't. So, we will cast the spirit pride out of you now, okay? Because, all of us are still growing.

Everyone of us are still growing, and we will be until we see Him face to face. Okay, so we're open, because He's always speaking. He wants to reveal the Kingdom. He wants to reveal Jesus. He wants to reveal His goodness to us, right? You say, "Why am I not hungry for that?" Ah, now the rod has been beating you down. Saying, "Don't you rise up. You just stay in that chair and sit there." But once you've made up your mind, the spirit man comes up front and you have aligned with Heaven. There's the rod of authority. You know, "I'm going to rule the land with scepter of righteousness."

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He says, *"Look upon my majesty and glory."* That's something we can do every day. *"Look upon my majesty and glory."* Just give Him *praise*, right? It's not just something we have to do at church in worship. Amen. *"When you look only at Me, only Me, you will only see the Way."* When you look at Him, only Him. *"When you look at Me, only Me, you will see the Way."* Because in our flesh and in circumstances, you say, "There's no way, Lord, there's just no way. There's just no way. I can't even do that." Then He says, *"Okay, we're judging the soul of the church that thinks you can do everything in your own strength right now. Get back in my glory, and yield to the rod of authority."*

He says, *"I am the truth. I am life and I'm everlasting."* He never quits. *"My peace, I give you. My wholeness that leads all to life."* He leads all to life. He leads all to life. He says, *"My words develop. They cause growth in increments, little by little. You shall see the whole birth come forth."* His words develop. They cause growth, growth, growth, a little here, a little there. Growth in increments, here a little, there a little. The whole picture, the whole thing is coming forth until you birth the whole thing. No matter what it is, until you come into that revelation knowledge. It's like, bam, "I just birthed that. Now, I see it. Now, I know it. Now, I know whom I believe." Everything shifts in your life, because you're not wrestling with your own soul and your own strength." You hear it? This is amazing.

The Lord says, *"Righteousness shall arise above the lies against My rule and authority."* You can sense it pretty quick. You say, "Oh, somebody's believed a lie here." You know, you know when they're believing a lie. Here you come with a *scripture*.

Luke 10:19 NKJV

Therefore you know, and you're going to go and take authority, trample on snakes and scorpions and all lies and the powers the darkness, and bring the truth. Bring the truth. Bring the truth. Amen, whoo!

He says, *"You declare, "Sun of righteousness, rise with healing in your wings, and so it shall be done according to your faith."*

I quote this a lot, because I've been given it by revelation, and the Son, Himself will come one day and completely change everything, won't He? Thank you, Jesus. Right now, He's on the Earth in His Church. We are under and with Him, performing the works that He did with a disciple mandate, *"Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations,"* in all our spheres, all the places, and our families." That is our commission, until the end. Until the end and every last one comes in.

Malachi 4:2-3 NKJV

"But to you who fear my name," that's us, *"the Sun of righteousness,"* which is actually Jesus Christ, *"shall arise with healing in His wings, and you shall go out and grow fat like stall fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet. On the day that I do, this says the Lord of hosts."* Now right there, you see Him arise, and all of a sudden we are joining Him. Right now I'm overcoming the scepter of wickedness with the scepter of righteousness in order to rule the land. I'm personally bringing the Kingdom dominion into my sphere of authority now. But, there is coming a day when the Bride of Jesus Christ, as one with Christ, is destroying and crushing the evil, wicked under our feet. It's truth. Read your Bible. Yes, this is reality, and we're entering into that now. Instead of getting beat up constantly by the same lies, now you're going to take that rod of authority and you're going to beat it up. Saying, "Get out and don't ever speak to me again." Amen.

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He says, "As you see, I see." Now, I love this. God is saying, "As you get it. I saw it. As you see. I see when you get it. I saw that when you get it. What you see, I see." Who do you think gave us the sight? He did, but He gives us an opportunity. Maybe He tried fifteen times. Finally, on the 15th time you say, "Ah, I get it, Lord, I see." Anybody ever said, "I see. Oh, I hear it now. I get it." Anybody ever said that? You know what I'm talking about. He sees when we see. He's so happy. Oh, Lord, He's probably so relieved. You know, I was like, "God, you know." Holy Ghost says, "Ah, man, this is awesome." "As you see, I see." He said, "See me high and lifted up, exalted in the Heavens and above the Earth." We have to see that every day. We have to take our place of authority, and we have to see where He's seated. "Fix your gaze on me." He's always saying that. "Don't turn to the left or to the right, but continue to fix your eyes on Me, only Me."

Now that's very, very vital. It's easy to say, but it takes a lot of Holy Ghost to overcome that flesh that wants to look at something else, dark, or iniquitous. Because, if we are not walking with the scepter righteousness, we have the propensity to look at the scepter wickedness that's ruling the land. Then I'm overcome by it. Then I'm taken down by it, and I'm giving up. I'm in unbelief before I know it, saying, "There's no way this could ever happen." Oh, that's not God's realm. That's not God's dominion. God's dominion is not that "there's no way." God's dominion says, "Oh, there is a Way. I am the Way. I am the Truth. I am the Life." You hear it?

"Break the rod of the oppressor. The anointing of My Spirit does this." Thank you for the anointing that destroys the yokes of bondage. "It's time," He said. "So, yield to My true rod of authority and grace. Peace to you faithful and beloved ones."

II Timothy 4:6-8 NASB

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. In the future, there is laid up for me, the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to those who have loved His appearing."

This is the Apostle Paul, and I think he's about to go home, okay? "I am already being poured out like a drink offering." Notice the word, 'poured out.' "The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. In the future, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness." I'm going from, "a scepter of righteousness," to a "crown of righteousness," true rule, and rewards. "Which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."

"Do not grow faint and weary, desire love." Draw near to God. Come, Lord Jesus come. Every day, we're in love with Jesus. We're the Bride. He's the Bridegroom. Every day, all that matters is, that you are so in love with Him. He's in love with you. Yes, and you long for Him every day. You talk with Him, and walk with Him along the way. You and Him forever. Yes, you love Him. You love Him, and you want to love Him more. You long for Him to come. There are days where you think, "This is a great day, just come." Right? Come, that should be our heart. Do you understand? Not just waiting for a theological time when it's supposed to happen. I'm always breaking down strongholds. It is a heart of love that draws Him, right? The Holy Ghost is in you. He draws Him. You are drawn to Him by the Holy Ghost, and you're drawing Him to you. It's truth. We love His appearing. We long for His appearing. Amen, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Let me read it again.

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Paul says, *"I'm already being poured out like a drink offering. The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. In the future, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,"* now I love this. It didn't say the angels are going to do it. *"Which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me." On that day, the Lord will award me,"* amen. *"And not only to me, but all who have loved His appearing."*

Hallelujah, the scepter of righteousness rules the land! Hallelujah!

Let's stand and honor this word. We will have this on our website, so you'll be able to hear it again. Get the notes and meditate on what He's saying, Beloved of God.

"We hear you. We hear you. Lord, we hear you. Lord, we love you. Lord, we thank you for the exhortation. We choose life, Lord. We choose life. Let the trumpet sound out of our hearts, out of our cities, and out of our territories. We choose life, Lord. We shall rule with the rod of authority and the scepter of righteousness. Lord, we shall rule and reign in Christ and with Christ. We thank you that you're shifting the way we think. That no longer will we be beaten by the rod of the devil or his tormentors. But we shall beat them down with the rod of the great scepter of righteousness and holiness. Lord, thank you for making us overcomers. Lord, we just submit to you. We love you. We adore you. In Jesus' mighty name, amen."