# The Power of Jesus' Name: Lessons from the Seven Sons of Sceva



Discover the authority, faith, and true power in Jesus' name through the story of the Seven Sons of Sceva and its modern-day implications.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this transformative 7-day study on the powerful name of Jesus, inspired by the story of the Seven Sons of Sceva. Within the pages of Scripture, names carry significant weight — they represent identity, authority, and character. The name of Jesus stands unrivaled, signifying not only His divine nature but also the authority believers possess when they call upon Him.

The account of the Seven Sons of Sceva, found in Acts 19:13-17, offers a compelling glimpse into the spiritual battle between real faith and spectacle, true authority and counterfeit power. These Jewish exorcists attempted to invoke Jesus' name without a genuine relationship with Him, and the outcome was humbling and instructive. This passage challenges us to examine how we approach the name of Jesus in our lives. Are we merely invoking Jesus' name as a formula or do we understand and walk in the authority and intimacy His name grants?

Over the course of this study, we'll dive deeply into the meaning and power of the *name* of Jesus, exploring themes of faith, authority, holiness, and humility. We will be encouraged to pursue a vibrant relationship with Jesus, not just a superficial use of His name. As you meditate on these truths, may your faith be strengthened, your understanding deepened, and your walk with God empowered like never before. Get ready to discover that there's power when we call on the name of Jesus — the true power that transforms lives from the inside out!

















#### Your Verse

Acts 19:13–14 – "Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed... but the evil spirit answered them, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?"

#### Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 2:9 "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name."
- John 14:13 "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."







#### Devotional: True Power Comes from Knowing Jesus

**Today we begin by exploring the significance of the name of Jesus.** This passage reveals an important truth: knowing Jesus personally holds more power than merely using His name as a phrase or a formula. The Seven Sons of Sceva tried to wield spiritual authority without a relationship, and the evil spirits recognized them as strangers to Jesus.

Jesus' name is exalted above all names, symbolizing authority, salvation, and divine power. When believers call on His name with faith and obedience, miracles occur and lives change. Yet, the difference between power and pride is intimate trust. Do we know Jesus like Paul did? Or do we simply know the "name" in theory?

Reflect on your relationship with Jesus today. Are you relying on His name in faith, or merely repeating it as a phrase? This study invites you to go deeper and embrace the true authority that flows from knowing Him.







## Reflect and Apply

	Why do you think the evil spirits recognized Jesus but dismissed the sons of Sceva?
	How does knowing Jesus personally change the way you understand His name?
	In what ways might you be relying on the 'name' without truly knowing the person of Jesus?







### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about your current relationship with Jesus. How well do you know Him?
	Reflect on times when you've called on Jesus' name. What was your faith like then?
	List ways you can deepen your personal knowledge and connection with Jesus.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for the powerful and holy name You carry. Help me not to treat Your name lightly or as a mere phrase, but to know You intimately and walk in Your authority daily. Give me humility to seek Your presence over power, and boldness to call upon You in faith. May my life reflect the true power that comes from knowing You, not just knowing Your name. In Your name I pray, Amen. 🙏 🧩 😂









## Day 2: 6 Authority in Jesus' Name









Day 2: Authority in Jesus' Name

#### Your Verse

Acts 19:15-16 - "But the evil spirit answered, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?' Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 10:19 "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."
- Matthew 28:18 "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."







Day 2: 6 Authority in Jesus' Name

#### Devotional: Walking in the Authority of Jesus

Authority is more than words; it comes from identity and relationship. The Seven Sons of Sceva learned this hard lesson—knowing about Jesus and even invoking His name without authority leaves one vulnerable.

Jesus declared that He has all authority in heaven and on earth. Because of this, those who belong to Him share in His authority. However, this authority is not simply a tool to control spiritual forces but comes with obedience, faith, and alignment with God's will. When we step out in Jesus' name, we do so knowing that power is given to us to advance His kingdom and protect us from harm.

Ask yourself: do I fully understand where my spiritual authority comes from? Am I using Jesus' name with responsibility and faith, or as an attempt at power without submission?







Day 2: 🖰 Authority in Jesus' Name

### Reflect and Apply

1.	What distinguishes true spiritual authority from mere spiritual influence?
2.	How does obedience and faith affect the authority you walk in?
3.	In what areas of your life could you step out more boldly in Jesus' name?







Day 2: 🖰 Authority in Jesus' Name

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe an experience where you felt you walked in God's authority.
2.	Identify areas where fear or doubt may be limiting your use of Jesus' authority.
3.	Write a prayer committing to use Jesus' name with faith and humility.







Day 2: 🖰 Authority in Jesus' Name

#### Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for the authority You have given me through Jesus. Teach me to walk wisely and faithfully in that authority, always dependent on You. Help me to discern Your will clearly and to act courageously in Your name. Keep me humble and obedient as I represent Jesus in every situation. In His powerful name, Amen. (1) (1) (1)

















#### Your Verse

Acts 19:13 - "Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven."
- James 2:19 "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder."







#### Devotional: Avoiding the Trap of Superficial Faith

**Invoking Jesus' name without faith or relationship is dangerous.** The Seven Sons of Sceva serve as a cautionary example — they attempted to use His name as a spiritual incantation without personal commitment or power behind it.

Jesus warned against empty profession. The name of Jesus is not a magic word or superstition but a declaration of trust in His person and character. Even demons acknowledge Jesus' authority, but mere acknowledgment isn't enough. True power comes from authentic faith and aligning our lives with God's will.

Reflect: Are there areas where you might be trivializing the name of Jesus, relying on it as a token rather than an intimate connection? Let's pursue sincerity in our faith and reverence for the name that is above all names.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How can using Jesus' name empty of faith cause harm?
2.	What does Jesus' warning in Matthew 7:21 mean for your daily life?
3.	How do you distinguish between mere belief and authentic faith?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about times when you may have used Jesus' name casually or without faith.
2.	Reflect on what authentic faith means to you personally.
3.	Commit through writing to guard the reverence of Jesus' name in your life.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** guard my heart against empty words and superficial faith. Help me to honor Your name with true reverence and trust. May my faith be sincere and my actions aligned with Your will. Teach me to avoid using Your name carelessly but to call on You with wholehearted devotion. In Your holy name I pray, Amen. 🚨 🙏 💝 🖴

















#### Your Verse

Mark 16:17 – "In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God."
- 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."







#### Devotional: Letting Faith Unlock Jesus' Power

Faith is the foundation for the power released in Jesus' name. It is not the name alone but faith aligned with God's will that brings victory and miracles. Jesus promised His followers that they would exercise authority over evil through believing trust in Him.

Faith invites God's presence and empowers us to stand firm in trials and spiritual battles. When our faith is little, Jesus can still move mountains, but growing faith deepens our experience of His power and love.

Consider your faith today. Are you leaning on Jesus with complete trust, or holding back due to doubts or fears? Pray for faith that speaks boldly in the name of Jesus!







### Reflect and Apply

1.	How does faith impact the effectiveness of praying in Jesus' name?
2.	Where have you seen faith change a difficult situation?
3.	What steps can you take to grow your faith in God's promises?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall a time when faith in Jesus' name brought breakthrough in your life.
2.	Write about doubts or fears that challenge your faith.
3.	Create a plan to nurture your faith daily through prayer and Scripture.







#### Prayer for Today

**God of faith,** increase my faith so I may call on Your name boldly and see Your power manifest. Teach me to trust fully, even when circumstances seem impossible. Let my faith be pleasing to You and a source of hope for others. In Jesus' name, Amen. 

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## Day 5: 🛠 Holiness and Humility in Power









Day 5: ★ Holiness and Humility in Power

#### Your Verse

Acts 19:17 – "When this became known to all the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all afraid, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."
- 1 Peter 1:16 "Be holy, because I am holy."







Day 5: ★ Holiness and Humility in Power

#### Devotional: Power Requires Humility and Holiness

Power in Jesus' name is not a license for pride but calls for holiness and humility. The reaction in Ephesus shows that the name of Jesus inspires reverence. Those who draw from this power must align with His character — holy and humble.

Pride corrupts spiritual gifts and authority, while humility opens the door for God's favor and protection. Holiness is not about perfection but a heart willing to be cleansed and surrendered to God's refining work.

Ask yourself: Am I cultivating holiness and humility in my walk with Christ? Let reverence for His name shape your character and empower your witness to the world.







Day 5: 🛠 Holiness and Humility in Power

## Reflect and Apply

1. W	Why is humility essential when exercising spiritual authority?
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2. H	Iow does holiness affect your relationship with Jesus and His power?
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3. In	n what ways can you pursue greater holiness and humility today?
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Day 5: 🛠 Holiness and Humility in Power

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about areas where pride may be hindering your spiritual growth.
2.	List steps to grow in holiness and humility.
3.	Reflect on how reverence for Jesus' name influences your daily behavior.







Day 5: ★ Holiness and Humility in Power

#### Prayer for Today

**Holy Father,** create in me a humble and pure heart worthy of Your power. Help me to honor Your name through holiness and reverence. Guard me from pride and help me walk in humility that reflects Jesus' character. Let my life bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' precious name, Amen. **2** 

















#### Your Verse

Acts 4:12 - "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."
- Psalm 96:3 "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."







#### Devotional: Boldly Proclaiming Jesus to Others

The name of Jesus is our greatest message to the world. Salvation and transformation flow only through Him. As believers empowered by His name, we are called to boldly proclaim Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Witnessing is not about clever words but about living and sharing the power of Jesus in everyday life. The early church grew because believers declared His name with conviction and love.

Reflect on how you can emulate the bold witness of the early believers in your community and beyond. Let the name of Jesus shine through your testimony and service.







## Reflect and Apply

	What fears or barriers hold you back from witnessing boldly in Jesus' name?
2.	How can you demonstrate Jesus' power through actions, not just words?
3.	What opportunities could God be giving you to share Jesus with others?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a personal testimony highlighting Jesus' power in your life.
2.	Identify specific people or places where you can share your faith.
3.	Plan practical steps to increase your boldness in witnessing.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** empower me to witness boldly in Your name. Remove fear and fill me with courage and love to share Your salvation with others. May my life and words reflect Your power and grace. Help me reach those who need You most. In Your mighty name, Amen.









## Day 7: Y Living Empowered by Jesus' Name









Day 7: Y Living Empowered by Jesus' Name

#### Your Verse

Philippians 2:10–11 – "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..."
- Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus."







Day 7: Y Living Empowered by Jesus' Name

#### Devotional: Embrace the Authority and Joy of Jesus' Name

As we conclude this study, remember that living empowered by Jesus' name is a daily choice. His name commands authority over all things, and every act of obedience honors Him. Paul exhorts believers to do everything in Jesus' name — whether words or deeds — with gratitude and faith.

Ultimately, Jesus' name is our source of strength, hope, and unshakable joy. Living with this awareness invites us to reflect His glory in every area of life and anticipate the day when all will acknowledge Him as Lord.

Challenge yourself to live fully and faithfully in Jesus' name, embracing His power with humility and love.







Day 7: 🔽 Living Empowered by Jesus' Name

### Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you live more intentionally in the power of Jesus' name daily?
2.	What attitudes or habits might need change to honor Jesus in all things?
3.	How does the reality of Jesus' lordship impact your perspective on life?







Day 7: 🔽 Living Empowered by Jesus' Name

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a commitment you want to make to live in Jesus' name more fully.
2.	Reflect on areas where you can show Jesus' lordship more clearly.
3.	Pray through daily routines to find ways to honor Jesus consistently.







Day 7: 🔽 Living Empowered by Jesus' Name

#### **Prayer for Today**

Jesus, Lord of all, I choose today to live empowered by Your name. Help me honor You in every word and deed, walking humbly yet boldly in Your strength. Fill me with joy and hope as I acknowledge Your lordship. May all my life bring glory to Your name until the day every knee bows before You. Amen. (\*\*\*) 🛵 🦫 🍩







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