

Semon Guide – Jan. 28, 2024

Take some time to read call stories for some of God's prophets:

Moses – Exodus 3

Samuel – 1 Samuel 3

Jeremiah – Jeremiah 1

Isaiah – Isaiah 6

What similarities do you see among the call stories?

Each of these prophets – and, all of God's prophets, have authority to speak a word from the Lord.

Now read Mark 1:21-28. Jesus speaks as one with authority. The people listening heard the difference. They were amazed. But, Jesus expected more than amazement from them. He expected action. So, because of what they experienced in the synagogue that day, they told others about it. And word spread rapidly throughout the area.

What is your experience with authority? Some of us relish the authority we have. Others shy away from having any kind of position with authority. Some of us butt heads with authority figures in our life. Others are good worker bees and appreciate someone's guidance and telling them what to do. What is your experience with authority?

Now, think about your authority as a Christian, a follower of Jesus. Remember: Jesus wants more than amazement when it comes to a relationship with you. He wants action! How are you – how can you put your amazement into action?