

Stephens, GregSpeak the Word

5. A Word-Created, Word-Governed World

This chapter teaches believers to imitate God by exercising authority the way He does. It looks at Creation to show that God builds and restores through spoken words of faith, and argues that His written Word gives us the same power to change our circumstances.

Key takeaways

- We learn authority by studying God, our example; Ephesians 5:1 shows imitating Him is actually possible.
- God created not out of 'nothing' but out of faith — a real spiritual substance — released through His words. The visible world came from an unseen force.
- Genesis 1 repeats 'God said... and it was so' on purpose: this is a word-framed planet, and God never acts without speaking.
- God's Word 'frames' a picture; get His picture of you inside you, speak it, and you can change what needs changing in your life.

- Speak what the Word says, not what circumstances say — about health, finances, everything. You have what you say, not what you have (Mark 11:23).
- General belief ('I believe God heals') is not enough. Faith comes by finding exactly what God has said, then declaring it — belief and authority transfer through words.
- God made mankind in His own image with dominion in three realms — spiritual, mental, and physical. That authority was lost in Adam's sin, and Jesus came to buy it back.

Passages worth keeping

“Our Command Authority Handbook doesn't tell us to say what we have. It tells us we have what we say.”

The chapter's core principle of faith-filled speech.

“If the circumstances in your life appear to contradict it, that's just because your circumstances haven't yet caught up with it.”

Why the Word can be trusted over what you currently see.

How it connects

The chapter ties Creation (God speaking order into chaos) directly to the believer's daily life: the same spoken-word authority that framed the world is meant to reframe our health, finances, and sense of dominion — a dominion lost in Adam and restored through Christ.

Scripture referenced

- **Genesis 1:1-3** -- God restoring a chaotic earth by speaking light into being
- **Hebrews 11:1, 3** -- Faith is real substance; the worlds were framed by God's Word
- **Mark 11:23** -- You have whatever you say and believe
- **Romans 10:17** -- Faith comes by hearing God's Word — so search it first
- **Genesis 1:26-28** -- Man made in God's image and given dominion over the earth
- **1 Peter 2:24** -- By Jesus' stripes you were healed — the Word to speak over sickness