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13. Authority in the Name of Jesus

Kenneth Copeland argues that the very first spiritual weapon given to the Church is the Name of Jesus, usable by any believer from the moment of new birth—even before they know much else. The chapter shows how the early apostles turned the world upside down with this one revelation, and teaches believers to command God's power rather than passively beg for it. It closes by explaining the threefold authority behind the Name: inheritance, conferral, and conquest.

Key takeaways

- The Name of Jesus works for any believer who has faith in it, regardless of spiritual maturity—Peter and the apostles had less written revelation than we do, yet miracles exploded through them because they knew the power of that Name.
- There's a real difference between asking God to heal and commanding healing in Jesus' Name. God has placed His power under our authority; if we don't release it by command, it isn't released.
- Like electricity in a house, the power is God's but the switch is ours—we're not the source, but we control its release.

- The Name carries all of Jesus' authority because He and His Name are one. Copeland gives personal testimonies (with Oral Roberts, and a growth that vanished at his own command) to show it is as strong today as in Acts.
- Jesus obtained His Name three ways: He inherited it from God, God conferred on Him the position of Number One Son, and He seized it by conquest—defeating satan, taking the keys of hell and death.

Passages worth keeping

“God wants us to become commanders instead of beggars.”

The chapter's central shift—from passive petition to active command authority.

“When that Name is spoken by a believer—any believer who has Faith in it—it carries all the authority and power of Jesus Himself because He and His Name are One.”

Grounds why the Name works for even a new Christian.

How it connects

The book-of-Acts pattern (command, not petition) and the WWII/electricity analogies both drive one theme: delegated authority. The victory is already won and on file; the believer simply enforces it in Jesus' Name.

Scripture referenced

- **John 14:13-14; 16:23** -- Jesus' promise to do whatever we ask in His Name.
- **Mark 16:17-18** -- Signs following believers—casting out demons in His Name.
- **Acts 3:6, 16** -- The lame man healed; power was in the Name, not in Peter.
- **Philippians 2:9-11** -- The Name above every name, at which every knee bows.
- **Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14** -- Jesus disarmed and defeated satan—authority won by conquest.
- **Isaiah 45:11** -- "Concerning the work of my hands command ye me"—basis for commanding God's power.