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# *Walking Towards the Cross: Jesus Reigns for You!*

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Because Jesus Reigns for Me, I Have:  
Authority, Power, and Access

## **Authority: Jesus Reigns Over My Life Problems**

Because Jesus Reigns for Me I Do Not Have to Be Afraid...

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." *1 Peter 5:7, NLT*

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ... "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." *Matthew 6:25, 33, NLT*

Over Whelming Anxiety Is from Satan, Not from God

God Is Calling Me to Give to Him My Everyday Kinds of Problems  
So I Will Have More Time Doing Ministry

"Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *Matthew 28:18–20, NLT*  
"All things have been handed over to me by my Father..." *Matthew 11:27, ESV*

My Anxiety & Worry Will Diminish in Direct Proportion to How Much  
I Faith Jesus' Authority Over My Life Problems

## **Power: Jesus Reigns Over the Dark Forces of Evil**

"and **what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe**, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,"  
*Ephesians 1:19–22, ESV*

“For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet... When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.”

**1 Corinthians 15:25–28, ESV**

According to Ephesians How Much Power Is Jesus Giving Us?  
Immeasurable

## 1. Jesus Reigns Over Life and Death to Give You Eternal Life and Forgiveness for Sin

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.” **Romans 8:1–2, NLT**

## 2. Jesus Reigns Over the Cosmic World to Free You from a Life Dominated by Sin

“Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...” **Romans 7:24–25, NLT**

## **Access: God Is Not Limited by the Immensity of My Problems**

“Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and **there is none like me**, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’” **Isaiah 46:9–10, ESV**

“Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. **He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.**” **Hebrews 7:25, NLT**

When Life Has Me Down What Does God Want Me to Do?

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” **Hebrews 4:16, ESV**

Why? Because I Do Not Have to Stay Defeated