

## The Gospel of John: You've Been Given Power

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*“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” ~John 1:12, ESV*

*“But those who embraced Him and took hold of His name were given authority to become the children of God!” ~John 1:12, The Passion Translation*

#### ❖ Take hold of Christ

- Philippians 3:12-14
- Galatians 3:2
- “Receive” (Greek ‘lambano’) – lay hold of; take up

**Discuss:** How can you take hold of Christ daily? What might you need to let go of in order to take hold of Christ?

#### ❖ Given Authority

- Matthew 9:6
- ‘Exousia’ – Power or Authority
- Luke 9:1-2 – “And He called the twelve together and gave them **power** and **authority** over all demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal.” – Exousia & Dunamis

#### ❖ A Life of being a child of God

- “Being” – speaks of transfer but also continuation; adopted children; “come to being”, “come on stage”, “being made”
- Being a child of God is not transactional, but transformational
- Being a child of God is both about who He is making us to become in the Kingdom, but also about who we are *being* in each moment.

**Discuss:** Who are you being today? What is an example in your life currently where you can see a change in who you are being as you get closer to who He is making you become?