

# STUMIN

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**THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM | MARCH 9-15, 2022**  
**BOTTOM LINE: JESUS TURNED THE IDEA OF POWER UPSIDE DOWN.**

*Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord.*  
*Philippians 2:9-11 NLT*

### >> MARCH 9

You, your parents, your teachers, your administrators, police, judges—the list of people who have some sort of authority could go on and on. Jesus, however, is the name above all names. No matter who's at the top of the authority list, Jesus' name goes above it. In other words, Jesus is the ultimate authority. He is the model of what a good leader should be, and He's the leader over all the leaders in this world.

Remember that as you follow authority in your life, the most important person to follow is and will always be Jesus.

*Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.*

*Colossians 1:15 NLT*

### >> MARCH 10

In this letter to some of the earliest Jesus followers, Paul reminds them of something really important. Jesus is the best reflection we have of God. And Jesus, while human, was in charge of everything. Jesus had and still has all authority. So, what did He do with that kind of power? He healed people and served them. Eventually, He gave His life for the people He was leading. Jesus used His power and authority to show us a whole new way to live—one where the most power is found in serving others, not being served.

This week, pay attention to areas where you have the freedom or the power to do what you want. When you notice you have power, ask yourself, "How can I use this power to serve others the way that Jesus did?"

*Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.*

*1 John 2:6 NLT*

### >> MARCH 11

Jesus is historically one of the most famous leaders in the world. He was a popular leader 2,000 years ago, and He remains the best leader we can follow still today. Why? Well, when we study His leadership now, we see that Jesus used His authority in a loving way. Whenever He encountered people He had authority over, Jesus always treated them with love, kindness, and grace. His leadership teaches us that true authority isn't about being the most powerful person in the room or bossing people around. It's about love, and Jesus is the perfect example of that.

Where can you follow Jesus' example of leading with love this week?

*And whatever you  
do or say, do it as a  
representative of the  
Lord Jesus, giving  
thanks through him to  
God the Father.*

*Colossians 3:17 NLT*

## **>> MARCH 12**

You have a ton of followers! Okay, maybe your Instagram or TikTok doesn't exactly reflect that, but there are people who know you and pay attention to you. This verse tells us that our words and actions should represent Jesus, which can be a little intimidating. But representing Jesus may not be as difficult as it sounds. When you spend time with someone often, you start to like the same things or use the same phrases they do. The same is true with Jesus. When you spend time with Him and think about Him, you're more likely to represent Him well.

Sometime today, listen to one song that talks about what Jesus is like. Try to memorize the words. As you do, pray for His help in becoming more like Him.

*Imitate God,  
therefore, in  
everything you do,  
because you are his  
dear children.*

*Ephesians 5:1 NLT*

## **>> MARCH 13**

Have you ever copied someone else's clothing style? Or been influenced by the way someone talks? Or wanted to try the hobbies they have? If you have, then it's probably for a reason. So often we imitate things about other people because we want to be like them in some way. As God's children, we have an opportunity to imitate God. God gave us a living, breathing example to follow when God gave us Jesus! When we love and lead like Jesus, we're imitating the perfect example true leadership.

Today, make a list of things you know about Jesus and the way He lived. Then, pick just one of those things to try and imitate in your own life this week.

*Remember your leaders  
who taught you the  
word of God. Think  
of all the good that has  
come from their lives,  
and follow the example  
of their faith.*

*Hebrews 13:7 NLT*

## **>> MARCH 14**

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you were in charge but didn't know how to be a good leader? One example of a leader we can look to as an example is Jesus. He shows us how to be kind, patient, and honest. He shows us how to serve the people we lead. When we lead others like Jesus did, we will better be able to love and serve the people around us. Make it a goal to look for other leaders in your life who led the way Jesus did so you can follow their example, too!

Today, think about and thank God for the leaders in your life who model faith for you.

*A new command  
I give you:  
Love one another.  
As I have loved you,  
so you must love one  
another.*

*John 13:34 NIV*

## **>> MARCH 15**

So often we can find ourselves with questions about what good authority figures are like. Instead of being left to wonder, we can remember verses like this one! It reminds us how Jesus led by example! He loved us first to show us how to love one another. To help you keep that in mind, memorize this verse this week.

Ask an authority figure in your life who you trust to help you do it. As you study this verse, talk about what it can teach you about good authority.