



MORAL AUTHORITY

**Loving Jesus.
Overcoming Evil.
Influencing Others.**

A faded background image of a pine tree on a rocky cliffside. The tree is gnarled and stands on a rocky outcrop. The background is a light, hazy sky.

What does a pastor do all week?

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1 Peter 1

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**Our Eternal Glory is
GREATER
than this Present Moment**

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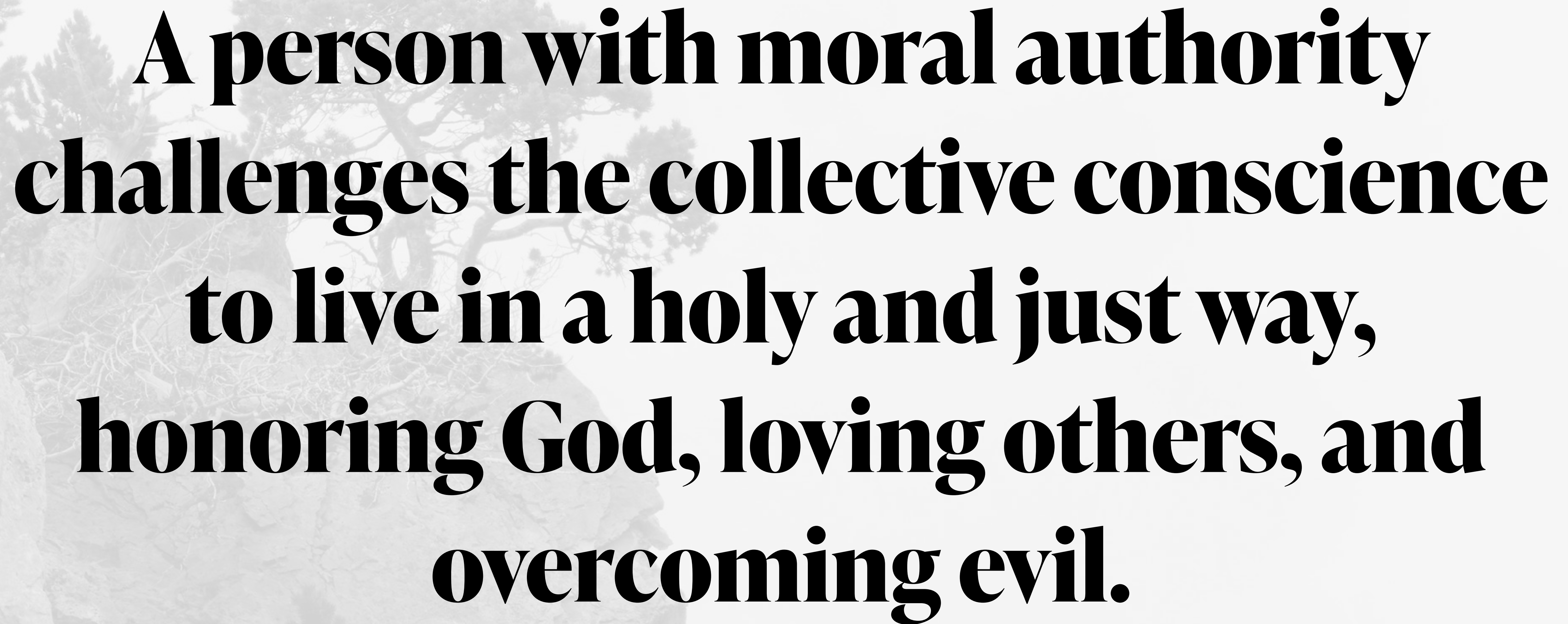
“In His great mercy has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you... 6 In this you greatly rejoice..”

1 Peter 1:5-6 NIV



**We are given moral authority when
we live our beliefs despite suffering,
earning the trust of others.**

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**A person with moral authority
challenges the collective conscience
to live in a holy and just way,
honoring God, loving others, and
overcoming evil.**

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Moral authority is the consistent sowing and growing of integrity through hopeful perseverance.

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Attaining moral authority is not our focus; it's our fruit. It's the result of faithfully living for Jesus in the long haul.

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The Foundation For Moral

Authority:

- 1. According to the foreknowledge of God**
- 2. By the sanctification of the Holy Spirit**
- 3. To the obedience of Jesus Christ sprinkled
by His blood**



**The foundation for moral
authority gives us what we need
to develop moral authority in
the furnace.**

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We want *deliverance*.

The Father wants *development*.

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- 1. Are our priorities in proper order?**
 - 2. Is our faith genuine?**
 - 3. Is our worship conditional and limited?**



**Moral Authority's focus is heavenward
with an earthly application.**

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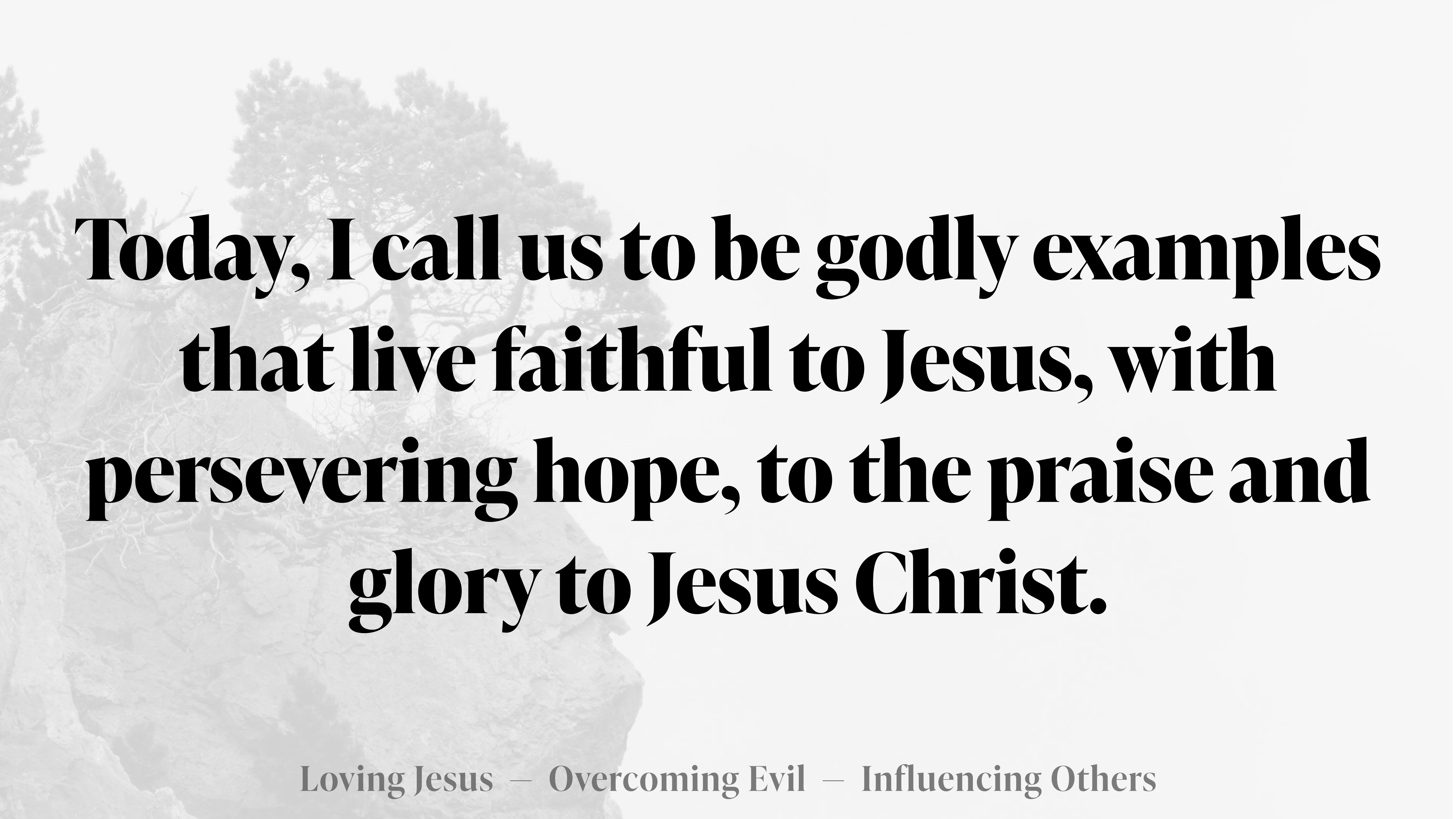


**We live for the future in light of the
future.**

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Moral Authority has four applications:

- 1. Hope (1:3, 13)**
- 2. Holiness (1:14-15)**
- 3. Fear of the Lord (1:17, 4:17)**
- 4. Love for One Another (1:22)**



**Today, I call us to be godly examples
that live faithful to Jesus, with
persevering hope, to the praise and
glory to Jesus Christ.**

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