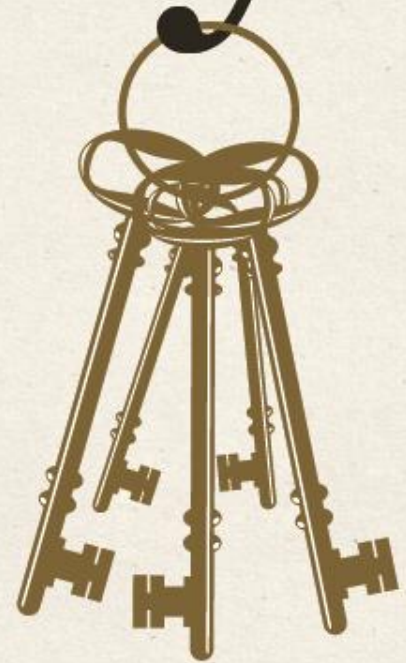
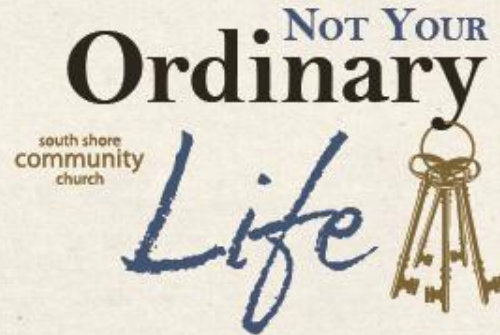


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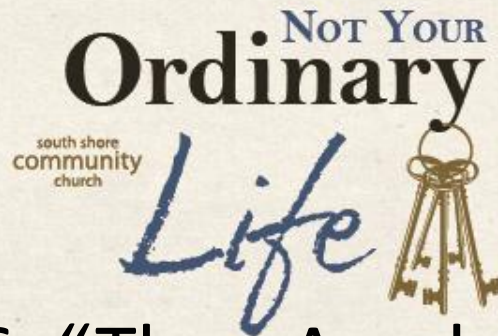
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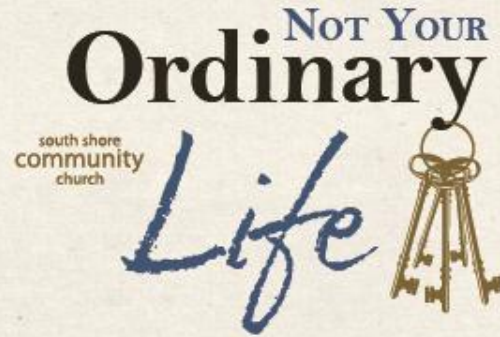




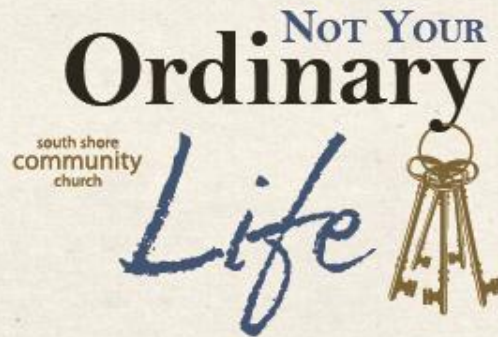
- Think about a circumstance in your life that you would like to see changed (in line with God's desires). (Soul Care Class – Josh)
- What is spiritual authority? How do we use it? The spiritual leadership model practiced in the church is very different than the model practiced in Scripture. (Moses)



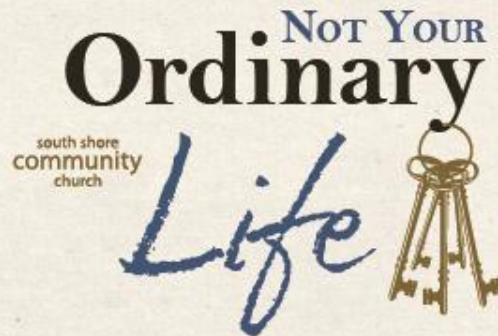
- Exodus 17:8-16, “Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.



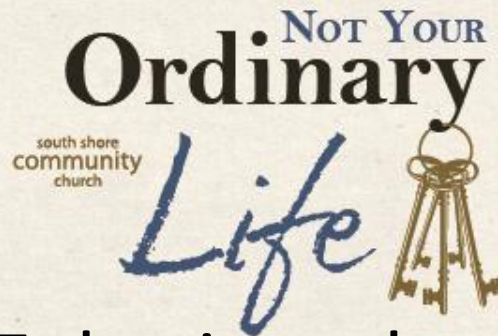
- Exodus 17:8-16, “But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.




- Exodus 17:8-16, “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.’ And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord Is My Banner, saying, ‘A hand upon the throne of the Lord!’” (ESV)
- Joshua & the old man on the hill (Moses – why me?) (staff)



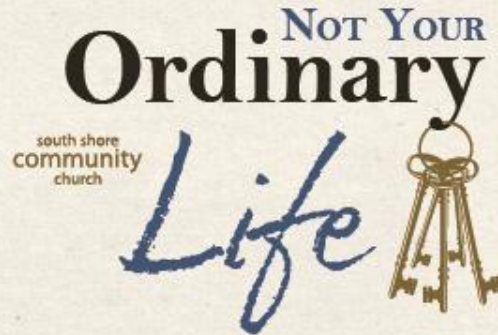
- Spiritual authority is the ability to contend in the heavenly realms in such a way as to change outcomes on earth. God has given His people spiritual authority so that His Kingdom desires can be manifest in our midst. We have to touch heaven to change earth.
- Some would say, “But, I am not Moses. I can’t do make much difference.” Let’s look at our authority in Christ as Paul describes it.



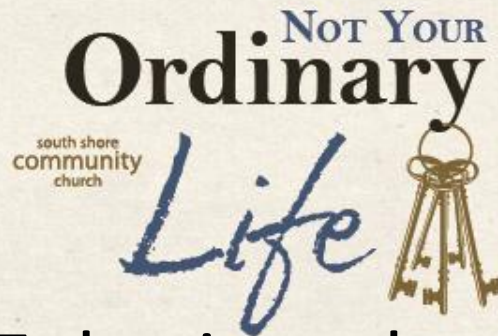
- In the book of Ephesians the phrase ‘heavenly realms’ occurs five times, and it is a revelation of our spiritual authority.
- First, Ephesians 1:3, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the **heavenly realms** with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” (chosen; adopted; first born status; redemption; sealed with the Spirit)

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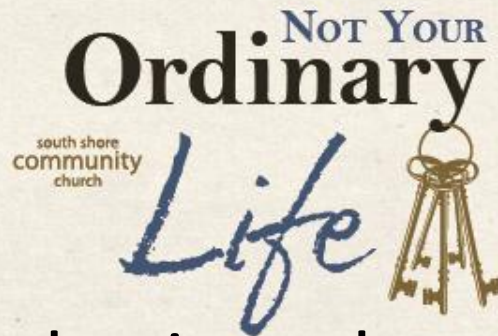
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- Second, Ephesians 1:19-21, “That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he seated him at his right hand in the **heavenly realms**, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title than can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.”



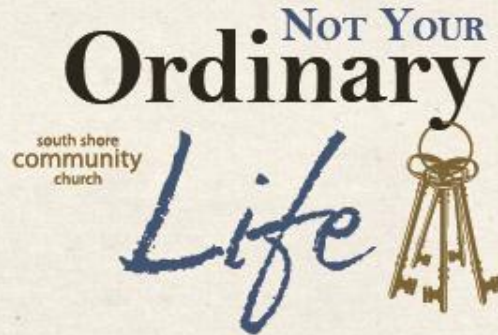
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- Third, Ephesians 2:6, Paul says, “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the **heavenly realms** in Christ Jesus.”



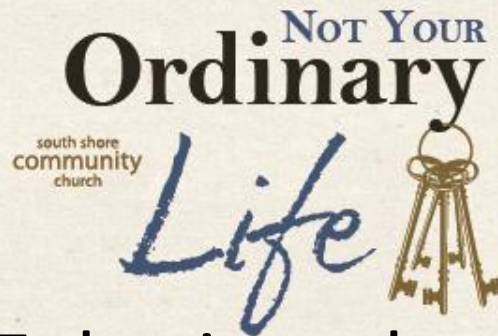
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- Fourth, Ephesians 3:8-12, “Although I am less than the least of all God’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.



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- Fourth, Ephesians 3:8-12, “His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the **heavenly realms**, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”



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- Fifth, Ephesians 6:12, “For our struggle is not against flesh & blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the **heavenly realms.**” (the battle)



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- Unless the church takes up her position in the heavenly realms, and begins to utilize the authority that God has given, we will continue to have minimal impact in changing circumstances on earth. We cannot win a spiritual battle with earthly weapons.
(Harlem) (your circumstance)

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