

## **Motivational Testimonies of Authority** **- Smith Wigglesworth -**

**Overview:** There have been and are today men and women who have really understood the authority they have in Jesus. As they have acted on that authority in faith, there have occurred amazingly powerful moves of God.

**Smith Wigglesworth:** Smith was a very powerful man in the Spirit. His spiritual power did not come by accident. First, he had a radical belief that the Word of God was true; and secondly, he had an intense desire to see the glory of God through his life. One of my favorite stories is when he would come to the United States to minister, he would always try to take a trip to up-state New York and visit Niagara Falls. His son-in-law would report how Smith would stand there watching that grandeur with tears coming down his face, crying out to his God, "Like that, oh God! Let your anointing flow through me like that."

On one trip to Australia, it was reported that he and a group of ministers would pray together before services. His prayers would be so powerfully anointed that one by one the ministers would leave the room because they could not stand the intensity of the anointing. One minister determined in his heart that he would stay no matter what. All the other ministers had left and this one man stayed, just himself and Smith; finally, he was seen literally crawling out of the room saying that the anointing was so great that he could not take another minute of it.

Smith went through one period in his life challenged with kidney stones. Though the pain was intense and the bleeding profuse, he refused to go to a doctor. Jesus was his healer and he stood fast on that commitment. During that time, as part of his spiritual warfare, he would take Communion every 15 minutes. He would not alter his ministry schedule, but sometimes he had to be taken to the meetings in an ambulance; however, once there, the anointing of God would allow him to minister for hours without pain. He eventually received the full manifestation of his healing.

His healing manifestation did not come from doctors nor from surgery; but it did come with intense pain. Eventually, after about 3 years of standing in faith, several large barbed kidney stones were passed out of his body from his kidneys via his bladder. It is hard to imagine how much pain was involved in the process of each barbed stone being eliminated via his urinary system. This personal miracle made such an impact on Smith that for the rest of his life, he kept the stones in a small vial as a souvenir.