



MATTHEW

**KINGDOM
AUTHORITY**



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The background of the slide features a dense crowd of silhouettes in various shades of red and orange. Many of the silhouettes have their hands raised, suggesting a crowd at a concert, rally, or public event. The overall color palette is warm and vibrant.

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...‘the power, the right and the responsibility to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience’.



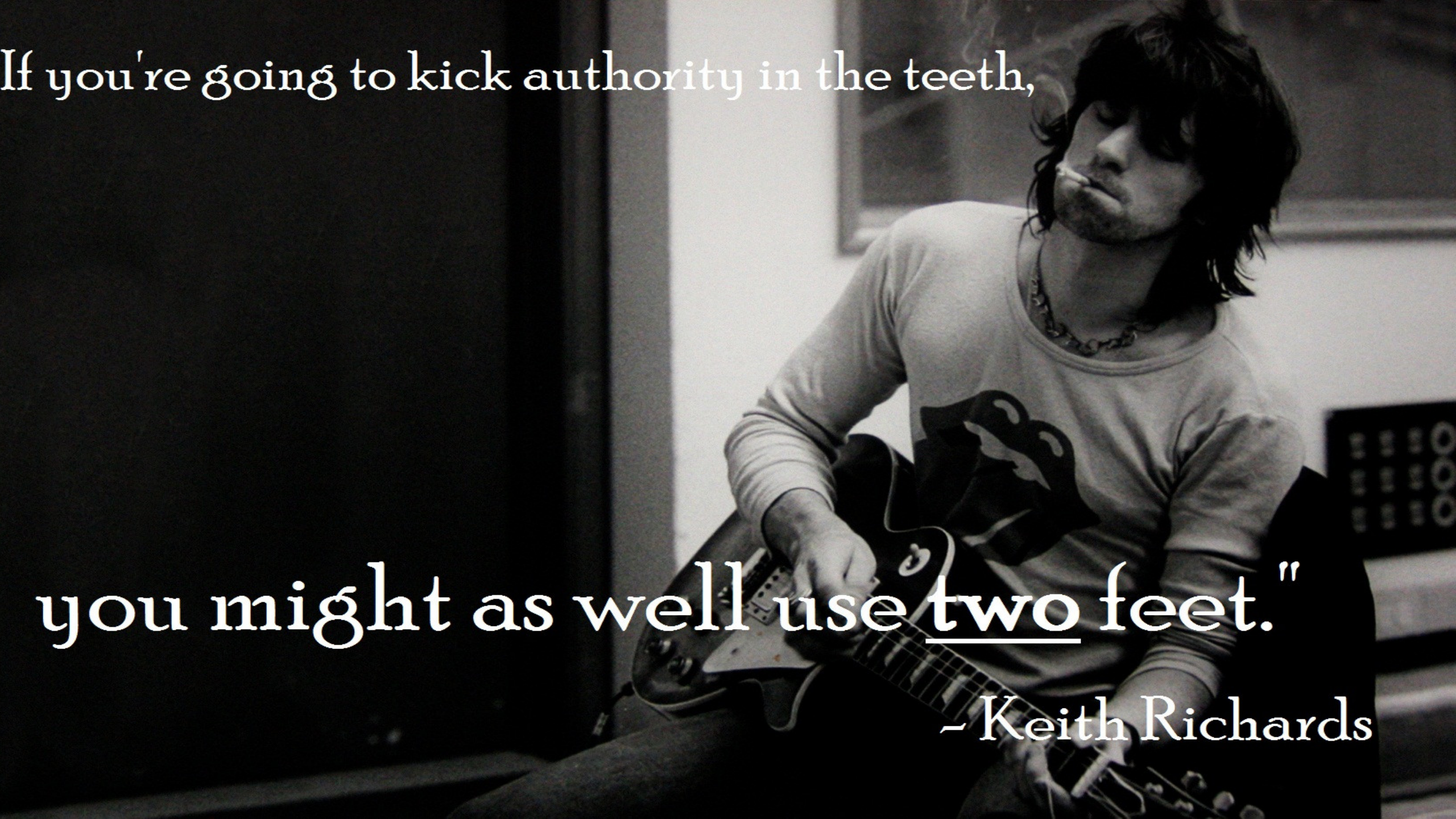
Think for yourself...
...and question authority.

Timothy Leary

I've always hated authority
from an early age.
And authority has always hated
me.

Dr. Dre



A black and white photograph of Keith Richards. He is sitting and playing a dark electric guitar. He has long, dark, wavy hair and is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved t-shirt with a dark graphic on the front. He has a cigarette in his mouth and is looking down at the guitar. The background is slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be a room with a window and some equipment.

If you're going to kick authority in the teeth,

you might as well use two feet."

- Keith Richards



My only purpose is to teach children
to rebel against authority figures.

— *Sherman Alexie* —



There is no power or authority
without responsibility, and he who
accepts the one cannot escape or
evade the other.

— Haile Selassie —



Authority exercised with humility,
and obedience accepted with delight,
are the very lines along which our
spirits live.

— *C. S. Lewis* —

Authority doesn't come
from the loudest voice,
but from the wisest.

Proverb

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- In New Testament times, it was a death sentence.
- Both the one with leprosy and anyone who came within 6 feet of them were considered ceremonially unclean. If the wind was blowing toward a person from a leper, they had to keep 150 feet (45 meters) away.
- The only thing *more* defiling than contact with a leper was contact with a dead body.



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“Leprosy might begin with the loss of all sensation in some part of the body; the nerve trunks are affected; the muscles waste away; the tendons contract until the hands are like claws. There follows ulceration of the hands and feet. Then comes the progressive loss of fingers and toes, until in the end a whole hand or a whole foot may drop off. The duration of that kind of leprosy is anything from twenty to thirty years. It is a kind of terrible progressive death in which a person dies by inch by inch.”

In the middle ages, if a man became a leper, the priest put on his clerical robe and his priestly crucifix, and brought the leper into the church, and read the burial service over him. For all human purposes the man was dead.”

(William Barclay)





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Leviticus 14:1-32

v.20 & 31 Thus the priest shall make atonement before the LORD for him who is being cleansed.

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