



Freedom in the Word

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THEN THE DEVIL

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When we read where Jesus was tempted in the wilderness in Matthew 4:1-11 we see a familiar pattern. The devil comes, then the “it is written,” then the devil.

Matt.4:3-6 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone...." Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple.

The three P’s for victories are used by satan and believers alike: patience, persistence, and perseverance. The bible calls this warfare the “good fight of faith.” (1 Tim. 6:12) Paul says in Eph. 6:12 that believers ‘wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places or heavenly bodies.” God is a Spirit and so is satan, thus the name “spiritual warfare.”

The winner of this warfare is simply the one who *doesn’t quit*. Paul instructed Timothy to “endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” (2 Timothy 2:3) When Paul mentioned “a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of satan to buffet me,” God’s response was “my grace (ability and delegated authority) is sufficient for thee.” (2 Cor. 12:7, 9) I believe He was saying to Paul, “You do something about it, I’ve already equipped you.” What we believers do have is what Jesus used in Matthew 4, the “it is written.”

In John 16:33, Jesus said, “ In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer I have overcome the world.” Jesus has also overcome satan, (Heb. 2:14) and has given us believers delegated authority to do the same. (Luke 10:19) Our adversary is here until the end of time so we must know who he is (A defeated liar) and who we are. (More than conquerors in Christ) A nemesis is “an opponent or rival whom a person cannot beat or overcome.” We believers are the devil’s nemesis. His only weapons are deception, accusation, and condemnation. Once we get knowledge of his strategies we plan our warfare and victory strategy. (Eph. 6:11)

The next time you experience a “then the devil” let him experience an “It is written, Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world, and no weapon that is formed against me shall ever prosper!” (John 4:4) (Isaiah 54:17)

HE FLIPPED MY SWITCH

Katie Brigmon

I remember when we first moved to the Austin area from Texarkana 16 years ago. We were so discouraged. If we left the house we didn’t know if we’d be able to find our way back. We both were challenged with our new positions. I remember one Wednesday night we went to church in low spirits. That night we learned a new scripture song from Psalm 42:5, “Why so cast down, O my soul? Put your hope in God.”

The Word of God is so powerful. As we sang that song over and over it brought courage to us. Our spirit man began to talk to our head man ... (that’s spiritual talk for talking to ourselves). You can tell yourself to get up out of that pit. Starting today, no more pitiful me mentality. It was like God through His Word hit a switch in us. He flipped us from discouragement to encouraged in one flip of the switch. Who or what is flippin’ your switch?

The four lepers in 2 Kings 7 had their switch flipped when they said in vs. 3 “Why sit we here till we die”. That story turned out well for the lepers. Sitting in the mess and doing nothing ever seems to accomplish anything. Allow God to give you courage for your discouragement. Allow His Word to give you strength, courage and comfort for your journey out of the pit.

MINISTRY FOR AUGUST:

- Bartlett Unit.....Aug. 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25
- Travis Unit.....Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25
- Del Valle Chapel.....Aug. 7, 31
- Lockhart Unit (Women).....Aug. 10
- FCI Bastrop.....Aug. 17
- Murray Unit (Gatesville).....Aug. 24

One on One County Jail Visits

Pray the Word

John Wesley advised people to:
 do all the good you can,
 by all the means you can,
 in all the ways you can,
 in all the places you can,
 at all the times you can,
 to all the people you can,
 as long as ever you can.

RB adds: Because the Word says you can!
 (Philippians 4:13) When you do what John Wesley advises, you can know that the love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost! Romans 5:5

Ephesians 4:32 Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

We gain credibility when our life matches our talk and when both add value to others. - John Maxwell

Proverbs 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them... (to always do what is right)

Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Bartlett Unit, Travis Unit, Lockhart Unit, Halbert Unit, Hughes Unit, Bryan FPC, Kyle Unit, as well as county jail visits.

MAIL BAG

Dear Bro. Ron & Sis. Katie - I was going through some of my things from Travis Unit looking for some prayer books. I found yours. It brought back some good memories; I really enjoyed the bible study with you. I learned quite a bit from you both. Thank you both for your help and pushing me in the right direction. I'm still studying the Word. I thank the Lord for putting both of you in my life. I still have a long way to go but I'm still striving for the Kingdom. M.C.

Dear Ron & Katie: I really do appreciate the friendship. Y'all are showing me what love is really all about. I cannot wait for the day that I am released so that I can set up a visit with y'all. H.M.

I praise God for my sister and brother Ron & Katie; for their love, faith in me. Thank you for being my true family. L.C.

Ron - Well WOW!!! I just want to thank you for this weekend. You are a great influence for me. I can tell you I am greatly motivated by the service and time you invest in coming to Bartlett. I have been moved by the guest speakers as well. S.V.

Dear Bro. Ron & Sis. Katie: I look forward to your next visit. It is always a real blessing to be ministered to by you. I wanted to let you know that you are very inspiring. Your service to the Lord truly makes a difference. God bless you. R.L.

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