

## Freedom Study 7.... “Denying Access”

Last week we talked about God’s supreme, unlimited authority over everything. And how Jesus has given His delegated authority to the church, to His followers.

Luke 10:19 (NIV84)

<sup>19</sup> **I have given you** authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Because of His authority in our lives, we do not have to live in fear of demons, devils, and dark powers.

But neither are we to get careless and underestimate the spiritual battle that is waging around us and against us.

Father God, stands beside His sons and daughters and has given you authority and power to not only stand...but to **utterly defeat** and **drive out** your enemy, the devil.

We are part of an indestructible, undefeatable Kingdom.

Hebrews 12:28–29 (NLT)

<sup>28</sup> Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. <sup>29</sup> For our God is a devouring fire.

Hebrews 13:5–6 (NIV84)...God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” <sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid....”

We are in the condition we’re in .....

1. Because of the stuff we did to ourselves: bad, selfish, carnal choices and decisions. We are sometimes our worst enemy.

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2. Because of what other people did to you. The wounds, hurts, words, abuse, unfair moments, and tragedies that were done to you.

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3. Because of what the devil is working and speaking into your lives. He takes everything above and amplifies, magnifies, and empowers it.

We have to take aggressive action.

We have to learn to resist the devil, drive the devil out, and deny the devil access.

Matthew 24:12 (NLT) Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.

2 Timothy 3:1–2 (NLT) You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. <sup>2</sup> For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

### **HAVE A BOLD AND CONFIDENT ATTITUDE IN JESUS NAME**

(Insistent, unwavering, demanding, expectant, militant, urgent, persevering.)

The primary position we assume is to proclaim your faith.

“Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified by faith. Through His sacrifice on the cross, I have peace.”

The language of spiritual warfare.

- *I resist you devil in Jesus name.*
- *Satan, it is written.....*
- *The blood of Jesus is against you, Satan.*
- *I command you devil to release what you have stolen in Jesus name.*
- *I bind your working in this situation in Jesus name.*
- *Get out of here in Jesus name.*
- *Satan, you do not have any place in my life. I am a child of God.*
- *In Jesus name, I take authority of this spirit of oppression. Get out.*
- *I bring all these thoughts captive to Jesus Christ.*
- *I pull down every stronghold that is keeping me from God's will, in Jesus name.*
- *I break these words and curses spoken over me, by the power of Jesus blood.*
- *I repent of the words of death I have spoken over myself and cast them down in Jesus name.*
- *Satan, Jesus is Lord, get out of here.*
- *We loose this sister in Jesus name from this bondage of fear and depression.*
- *Satan, the Word is true and you are a liar.*
- *Satan, I speak in the name of Jesus and by the authority of His Word, take your hands off of my son.*

- We have to recognize our **authority** and **purity** in Christ!
- We have to be genuine followers of Jesus, not pretenders.

Ephesians 5:11–14 (NIV84) Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”



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It's simply saying “No!” in your spirit, mind, and actions.

But I don't want you to be afraid, anxious, or weird about it.  
 Don't start seeing the devil behind every corner.  
 Don't have “demon fear or demon anxiety”.  
 Just take care of him as you need to.  
 And deny the devil access in your mind or life.

Acts 10:38 (ESV) God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

**Demons respond to higher authority. They understand authority.**

1 John 4:4 (ESV) Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

### **HOW DO WE DENY ACCESS TO DARKNESS?**

- This has to be “a lifestyle of freedom”.
- As believers, we practice and minister freedom to one another.

1. In Jesus name we heal the brokenhearted and set free the oppressed (Lk. 4:18)

2. In Jesus name we take authority over the demonic and cast out demons (Mk.16:17)
3. We speak prophetic encouragement (1 Thess. 5:20)
4. By the leading of the Holy Spirit we put to death sinful practices of the flesh (Rom. 8:13-14)
5. We release people by forgiving them (Eph. 4:32)
6. We bear one another's burdens and concerns (Gal. 6:2)
7. We snatch people from destruction through sharing the gospel and truth (Jude 23)
8. We reprove and correct with love and truth (2 Tim. 4:2)
9. We set free the oppressed through the Spirit (Lk. 4:18)
10. We comfort the afflicted with Godly wisdom and Word (2 Cor. 1:4)
11. We confess sins to another and receive prayer and grace (James 5:16)
12. We put on the godly armor and stand against spiritual forces (Eph. 6:10-12)
13. We take unhealthy, ungodly, fearful thoughts captive to Christ (2 Cor. 10:5)
14. We renounce past and present sinful, rebellious, ungodly practices (2 Cor. 4:2)
15. We passionately pursue spiritual freedom (Gal. 5:1)
16. We continue to grow up in all things in Christ by speaking truth (Eph. 4:15)
17. We practice and encourage repentance as believers (Is. 30:15)
18. We live a life of submission to God's authority and Word (James 4:7, Eph. 5:21)
19. We live a life of prayer so we stay strong and victorious. (Mt. 26:41)
20. Live a life of honor. (Rom. 12:10)

- Freedom is a life-long process.
- Every phase of life requires new levels of freedom.
- Every phase of life requires new victory over sin.

### **We are called to be spiritual warriors and representatives of the Kingdom of God.**

1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV84)

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Jeremiah 20:11 (NIV84)

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten.

Declaration....

I AM A WARRIOR FOR GOD

Jesus Christ is my Lord

The Word of God is my weapon

The blood Jesus is my cover

**I AM A WARRIOR FOR GOD**

The Holy Spirit is my strength and my guide  
I pull down every stronghold that binds up my destiny  
I cast down every word that hinders God's plan

**I AM A WARRIOR FOR GOD**

No power of hell can defeat me  
No weapon formed against me can prosper  
I march into battle under the banner of Christ

**I AM A WARRIOR FOR GOD**

The accusations of Satan cannot stop me  
I live with Christ's joy and peace  
I will not give in, give up, or give out.

**I AM A WARRIOR OF GOD**

**I WILL NOT ALLOW THE DEVIL ACCESS**

<p>What stood out to you in this lesson? Where do you need to show more boldness?</p>
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