

WE'RE IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Lesson 1 – Outline

I. God's Word reveals that we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but demonic powers:

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:10-12

- A. Our fight isn't against people, but the spiritual forces influencing them.
- B. However, most of us simply don't recognize the role that the spirit realm plays in our daily lives.
- C. This issue people make about whether someone is possessed, oppressed, or simply depressed isn't in Scripture.
- D. The truth is that people all around the world today are being influenced, controlled, and used—to whatever degree—by the devil.
- E. We just tend to look at things as being normal and natural, so we miss the fact that the origin of many things that happen in our day—things that tick us off and come against us—is spiritual.

II. If you were to adopt the biblical mindset, it would make a huge difference in the way you respond.

- A. You'd recognize that it's not your neighbor, your spouse, or your circumstances that are really what's coming against you.
- B. They can be influenced, inspired, and used of Satan, but they really aren't the source.
- C. When you genuinely understand that this isn't a physical battle, it changes the way you respond.

III. Jesus recognized when the devil was trying to get to Him through a person:

He turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Matthew 16:23

- A. The Lord recognized that Satan was speaking through Peter.
- B. So even though Peter had just spoken forth a glorious revelation by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 16:16), Christ knew that the inspiration for Peter's rebuke of Him (Matt. 16:22) was from hell.
- C. You just need to recognize that Satan—as well as God—can speak through and use the people in your life.
- D. Like Jesus, you need to discern whose voice is coming through.

IV. We are in a spiritual battle!

- A. However, most of the time, people don't recognize it.
- B. They're just looking at things from a natural, human perspective.
- C. They factor God, the devil, and the whole supernatural realm right out of the equation.
- D. The average person doesn't realize the spiritual dynamics taking place.
- E. There's a real Enemy out there that we must learn to deal with.

V. Like it or not, there's a spiritual battle raging right now for your heart and mind.

- A. What you think in your heart is the way that you'll be (Prov. 23:7).
- B. Your thoughts become what you say and do, with your actions being the greatest expression of your authority.
- C. Therefore, you'll be influenced, dominated, and ruled by whomever you yield yourself to—God or Satan (Rom. 6:16).

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Lesson 1 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Ephesians 6:10-12, who are we to be strong in?
2. What are we to put on?
3. According to Mark 4:17, what arises for the Word's sake and immediately causes people to be offended?
4. The Word only endured for a time because they had no _____ in themselves.
5. Who was speaking in Matthew 16:16?
6. According to Matthew 16:22-23, whom did Simon Peter begin to rebuke?
7. While speaking to Peter, whom was the Lord really addressing?
8. According to Mark 11:23, what are we to speak to?
9. What shall we have?
10. According to Proverbs 6:31, how much shall a thief who is found be required to restore?
11. According to Proverbs 23:7, we are as we think where?
12. Romans 6:16 reveals that we are _____ to whom we yield.
13. What does yielding to sin manifest in our lives?
14. What does yielding to obedience manifest in our lives?

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Lesson 1 – Scriptures

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Ephesians 6:10-12

And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

Mark 4:17

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16:16

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Matthew 16:22-23

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Proverbs 6:31

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Proverbs 23:7

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 6:16

WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR

Lesson 2 – Outline

I. In this spiritual battle, your actions are very important.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 6:16

- A. When you yield yourself to sin, you're serving Satan, who is the author of that sin, but when you yield yourself to obedience, you serve God, who is the author of that righteousness.
- B. You aren't going to accomplish God's purposes by getting in the flesh, giving in to anger, and losing your temper (James 1:20).
- C. Whether anyone else ever hears you or not, it's having an effect on you.

II. When you give in to envy and strife, you make yourself a target for the devil.

Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:16

- A. Are you giving off the sweet aroma of Christ, or are you spiritually stinky?

We are unto God a sweet savour [smell] of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.

2 Corinthians 2:15, brackets mine

- B. Your thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions are either releasing the power of God in your life, or they're releasing the power of the devil.

III. God is good, and He's doing everything He can to save, bless, heal, and prosper us, but we do have an Enemy who is going around seeking whom he may devour.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

- A. Satan cannot devour you without your cooperation.
- B. You need to set a watch before your mouth (Ps. 141:3) and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

- C. You need to control your actions (Gal. 5:22-24) and recognize that the demonic realm is trying to take a shot at you every day of your life.

IV. You need to learn to recognize the spiritual dynamics happening in your life.

- A. God wants you to yield to Him so that His power and blessings can be released in your life, and Satan wants you to yield to him so that destruction and death can be released in your life.
- B. You're either submitting to God and His influence or Satan and his influence.
- C. Every time you act, you are releasing spiritual power—either God's or the devil's—into your life.

V. Sin is conceived in your emotions.

Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

James 1:14-15

- A. Every time you have a negative emotion—whether it be sadness, anger, fear, strife, or one of many others—you conceive something.
- B. Many people are conceiving things that they don't want to give birth to.
- C. When you give in to your flesh and start saying and doing these things, you are releasing spiritual forces.

VI. You need to recognize this battle that's raging and the fact that everything you say and do is either empowering God or the devil.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

- A. The Lord wants to release His life into you.
- B. Satan wants to steal that life, and kill and destroy you.
- C. Your thoughts, choices, and actions make a huge difference in your life.
- D. The devil is the one who, wherever envying and strife is, brings confusion and every evil work (James 3:16 and 1 Cor. 14:33).
- E. As a roaring lion, he's constantly seeking whom he may devour.

WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR

Lesson 2 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to James 1:20, what doesn't the wrath of man work?
2. John 10:10 reveals that Jesus came for what purpose?
3. James 3:16 says that confusion and every evil work are found where?
4. According to 2 Corinthians 2:15, what are we to God?
5. What does 1 Peter 5:8 command us to be?
6. What does the psalmist ask the Lord to set before his mouth in Psalm 141:3?
7. According to 2 Corinthians 10:5, what are we to do with every imagination and high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God?
8. What is listed in Galatians 5:22-24?
9. What have they that are Christ's crucified?
10. According to James 1:14-15, when is every man tempted?
11. When lust has conceived, what does it bring forth?
12. What does sin bring forth when it is finished?
13. According to 1 Corinthians 14:33, is God the author of confusion?
14. What is He the author of?

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Lesson 2 – Scriptures

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 6:16

For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

James 1:20

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:16

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.

2 Corinthians 2:15

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Psalms 141:3

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Galatians 5:22-24

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth

James 1:14-15

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 14:33

SATAN'S INROADS

LESSON 3 – OUTLINE

- I. Since we're in a spiritual battle, you can't afford to indulge the "luxury" of strife.
 - A. If you think that a certain amount of strife is just "normal"—the way you're supposed to live—you're wrong.
 - B. God is a God of peace (Rom. 15:33 and 16:20), and we were created in His image (Gen. 1:27).
 - C. The fruit of His Spirit working in our lives is peace (Gal. 5:22).
 - D. You ought to actively stand against and fight strife, recognizing that every time you get into it, a door is opened for anything the Enemy wants to do in your life.
 - E. Satan has access to you when you're in strife.

- II. The devil is trying to destroy your life today.
 - A. You could become overwhelmed with that and be fearful, but God is also going about seeking who will respond to Him.
 - B. He's trying to get His anointing, power, and blessings into your life.
 - C. There's no reason to panic and freeze up in fear, because the Lord is infinitely greater than the devil.
 - D. However, you do need to sober up and realize that you're in a battle.

- III. Although many people would like to see blind eyes and deaf ears opened, terminal diseases healed, the dead raised, and financial blessings the way Andrew has (by God's grace), they're not willing to spend the time yielding to and fellowshiping with the Lord in His Word, prayer, and obedience.
 - A. They'd rather be out in the world, indulging their flesh.
 - B. You can't be tempted with something you don't think (Heb. 11:15).
 - C. If you would quit opening yourself up to envy, strife, division, and all the other negative things our society uses for "entertainment," Satan wouldn't have these inroads into your life.

IV. If you want godly relationships, you have to start guarding your tongue.

- A. Strife is much more deadly than a poisonous snake!
- B. You can't tolerate envy, strife, un-forgiveness, or any other negative emotion.
- C. As you give more and more of a place to the devil, I guarantee that it will cost you something.
- D. Sin will take you further than you want to go, cost you more than you want to pay, and keep you longer than you want to stay.

V. You are the one who gives Satan inroads into your life.

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

- A. He takes whatever **“place”** you give him through your thoughts, words, emotions, and actions.
- B. Satan will take advantage of whatever we give him.

SATAN'S INROADS

Lesson 3 – Discipleship Questions

1. How does Romans 15:33 describe the Lord?
2. According to Romans 16:20, the God of peace shall do what shortly?
3. The grace of whom is with us?
4. According to Genesis 1:27, God created whom in His own image?
5. In the image of God, man was created both what?
6. What fruit of the Spirit are listed in Galatians 5:22?
7. In Psalm 101:3, the psalmist will set what before his eyes?
8. According to Hebrews 11:15, if Abraham and Sarah had been mindful of _____, they might have had opportunity to have returned.
9. James 3:16 reveals that _____ can be found wherever envying and strife are.
10. Ephesians 4:27 instructs us not to give place to whom?

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Lesson 3 – Scriptures

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Romans 15:33

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Romans 16:20

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:27

***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.
Galatians 5:22***

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

Psalms 101:3

And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Hebrews 11:15

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:16

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

NO WICKED THING

Lesson 4 – Outline

- I. A thought becomes your own when you begin speaking it out of your mouth.

Take no thought, saying...

Matthew 6:31

- A. Satan passes thoughts, feelings, and attitudes across our hearts and minds.
- B. If you don't say it, then it's not yours.
- C. You need to take on this attitude: "I refuse to speak forth anything contrary to what I'm believing for."

- II. You need to be constantly aware of the truth that your words are either releasing life or releasing death.

- A. Set a watch over your mouth and speak life (Ps. 141:3) because you will eat the fruit of it.

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:20-21

- B. Every word you say out of your mouth is a seed that produces after its kind.
- C. You can't keep a problem from coming, but you can keep those problems from dominating you by speaking forth the right, positive, Word-oriented things.

- III. In this spiritual battle, Satan takes advantage of the words we say.

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:37

- A. When we don't realize just how important our words are, we speak forth foolishness, doubt, unbelief, and other things that allow Satan to devour us because we let down our guard.
- B. Many people don't really recognize that Satan is dominating—exerting influence and power in—their lives (Eph. 2:1-3).

- C. Before we converted to Christ, we were by nature children of Satan—living our lives under his influence and dominion, blinded to the truth.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

- D. The devil is actively at work today hardening people and blinding them from the truths of the Gospel.

IV. Although God is using both radio and television mightily to advance His kingdom, Satan is also using the vast majority of its programming to destroy people's lives.

- A. You may convince yourself that you're not being influenced or corrupted, but the Word reveals otherwise (1 Cor. 15:33).
- B. You simply cannot maintain your spiritual equilibrium while indulging your eyes on ungodliness (Ps. 101:3).
- C. What we constantly think about will become what we talk about and do.

V. Everything you say and/or do is releasing either God's or Satan's power in your life.

- A. Your Enemy is an active force at work in the world seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5:8).
- B. He blinds the minds of those who don't believe, in order to steal, kill, and destroy them (2 Cor. 4:4).
- C. It's to your advantage to recognize the reality of the fight and make the necessary adjustments in your thinking and lifestyle (Eph. 4:27).
- D. We are responsible to submit to God and resist the devil (James 4:7).

VI. When you disobey God, you open up a door to the devil.

- A. Contrary to what religion says, God still loves you.
- B. He's not mad at you, but He wants better for you.
- C. By violating God's instructions in His Word and obeying the lust of your flesh, you've thrown open a door to the devil.
- D. You need to change your mind and adjust your actions.

NO WICKED THING

Lesson 4 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Matthew 6:31, Jesus told us to take no thought by doing what?
2. Proverbs 18:20-21 reveals that a man's belly shall be satisfied by what?
3. What shall he be filled with?
4. In Psalm 141:3, the psalmist asks the Lord to keep what?
5. According to Matthew 12:37, by what shall we be justified and/or condemned?
6. Acts 26:18 shows that when we turn from darkness to light, we are turning from the power of Satan unto whom?
7. When we do so, what do we receive in addition to forgiveness of sins?
8. Before we were born again, Ephesians 2:1-3 reveals that we were dead in what?
9. What were we by nature?
10. According to 2 Corinthians 4:4, the minds of them that don't believe are what?
11. By whom?
12. What does 1 Corinthians 15:33 say that evil communications corrupts?
13. In Psalm 101:3, what does the psalmist hate?
14. According to 1 Peter 5:8, who is our adversary?
15. James 4:7 tells us to submit ourselves to whom?

NO WICKED THING

Lesson 4 – Scriptures

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Matthew 6:31

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:20-21

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Psalms 141:3

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:37

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Acts 26:18

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Ephesians 2:1-3

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

1 Corinthians 15:33

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

Psalms 101:3

And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Hebrews 11:15

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

UNCONDITIONAL AUTHORITY

Lesson 5 – Outline

I. In almost forty years of being a Christian and actively studying God’s Word, Andrew has come across several different opinions about where Satan came from and how he got his power.

- A. In the midst of these different variations, a dominant doctrine has emerged in popular theology.
- B. This widely-held understanding says God created a powerful, beautiful, godly angel named “Lucifer” (Is. 14:12 and Ezek. 28:13-15).
- C. This Lucifer became prideful, turned into Satan, and rebelled against God.
- D. At this point, popular theology also says Satan convinced one-third of the angels to follow him in rebellion.
- E. This popular theology insinuates that our heavenly Father turned Satan loose in the Garden of Eden to tempt Adam and Eve.

II. God sent Lucifer—His top angel—down to earth to minister to Adam and Eve.

Are they [angels] not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:14, brackets mine

- A. Lucifer hadn’t transgressed against God—and become Satan—yet.
- B. He came to the Garden on a divine mission—to serve and to minister to Adam and Eve.

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:13-15

- C. Lucifer’s transgression against God came in the Garden of Eden.

D. It's described in Genesis 3, when he entered into the snake and used this serpent to speak to Eve and tempt her.

E. Then he persuaded both Eve and Adam to eat of the forbidden fruit.

III. Lucifer came to the earth as an anointed angel on a divine assignment to minister to Adam and Eve.

A. However, he saw something in them that he didn't have.

B. As an angel, his power and authority was conditional (Andrew's supposition)—but Adam and Eve had been given unconditional power and authority over this earth.

God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion [power and authority] over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28, brackets and emphasis mine

C. When God created man, He spoke and gave them dominion—power and authority—over all the earth (Ps. 89:34; Heb. 1:3, 6:18; and Num. 23:19).

D. Knowing God as he did, Lucifer's antennae went up when he heard the Lord say to Adam and Eve "You have dominion" without any restrictions or qualifications.

E. There was no chance of Lucifer directly rebelling at God, but perhaps he could rebel if somehow he could get a hold of that unconditional power and authority that had been given to man.

IV. Although angels have a free will, there's no reason to believe that their power and authority is unconditional like Adam and Eve's.

A. Therefore, if an angel got out of line, God could cancel and recall the power and authority He had given them, and they'd be absolutely defeated.

B. In light of this, there's no way Satan and one-third of the angels could charge God on His throne, who still retained two-thirds of the angels.

C. However, Lucifer saw an opportunity with the unconditional authority over the earth that God had given to mankind.

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Lesson 5 – Discipleship Questions

1. Who is Isaiah 14:12 talking about?
2. Who did Ezekiel 28:11-15 start out addressing?
3. Revelation 12:3-4 speaks of a great red what?
4. In Genesis 1:1-2, who moved upon the face of the waters?
5. Hebrews 1:14 reveals that angels are sent forth to minister for whom?
6. According to Genesis 1:26-28, God said “Let them have dominion” to whom?
7. Psalm 89:34 shows us that God will not break what?
8. Hebrews 6:18 and Numbers 23:19 say that it’s impossible for God to what?
9. According to Hebrews 1:3, what is held up by the word of His power?
10. Psalm 138:2 tells us that God has magnified _____ above His name.
11. At whose name shall every knee bow, according to Philippians 2:9-11?
12. In Proverbs 18:10, what is the name of the Lord?
13. What does Deuteronomy 29:29 say belongs to the Lord?
14. What belongs to us and to our children forever?
15. Second Peter 2:4 reveals that God spared not whom?

UNCONDITIONAL AUTHORITY

Lesson 5 – Scriptures

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isaiah 14:12

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:11-15

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Revelation 12:3-4

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:14

That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

Isaiah 14:4

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Matthew 16:23

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalm 89:34

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.

Hebrews 6:18

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Numbers 23:19

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:3

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Psalm 138:2

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Proverbs 18:10

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.

2 Peter 2:4

GOD OF THIS WORLD

Lesson 6 – Outline

I. We were given dominion—power and authority—over the earth.

I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

Psalm 82:6

A. Since it was ours to rule and reign, we were gods over this earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Psalm 115:16

B. The Creator gave us the power and authority to rule over this earth as if we were the creator.

II. When Lucifer—still the sinless, perfect angel of God in the Garden sent to minister to Adam and Eve—saw the unconditional authority over the earth that God had given to man, he recognized an opportunity.

O Lucifer, son of the morning...thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the most High.

Isaiah 14:12-14, emphasis mine

A. Lucifer saw that if he could get Adam and Eve to yield to him and rebel against God, then he could become the new “god” of this world (2 Cor. 4:4).

B. Understanding how God’s kingdom works, Lucifer knew that if he could trick Adam and Eve into yielding to and obeying him, then he could become their master.

C. Then he could take the power and authority that had been given to mankind and use it to begin thwarting the kingdom of God and start receiving this praise, adoration, and glory that he felt he desired.

D. For God to maintain His integrity and stand by what He had previously said—“You have dominion”—He had to give Adam and Eve their freedom.

E. If they wanted to yield their authority and power over earth to Satan, then technically it was their right to do so.

- III. Due to God's great love for mankind, Satan was allowed to become god of this world.
- A. Instead of wiping us out and starting this whole thing over, God allowed what we did to stand.
 - B. We are the ones who enabled Lucifer to leave his position in heaven, come into a fallen state, and rule the earth as Satan—the god of this world.
 - C. Adam and Eve *made* Satan who he was by giving him their power and authority.
- IV. The devil is not using a superior power and authority against us.
- A. It's our own power and authority that he uses against us.
 - B. On his own, Satan is powerless—he depends completely on physical human beings yielding to and empowering him.
 - C. It's only as we submit to him that Satan is able to do anything.
- V. The devil and his demons—as spirit beings—have no power or authority on this earth apart from physical human beings yielding it to them.
- A. The only reason Satan exists and functions is because people cooperate with and empower him.
 - B. That's why he always seeks to inhabit a body.
 - C. Satan is a spirit (Eph. 2:2)—he doesn't have a physical body.
- VI. It takes your cooperation for the devil to do anything in your life, which is why your actions are so important.
- A. Your physical body is what gives you authority here on the earth.
 - B. Satan can't do anything without someone in an earthsuit yielding to him.
 - C. Every time you move away from what God's Word says and act in union with what the devil is trying to do, you yield authority to him.
 - D. Every time you quit believing and receiving God's supernatural power and ability, and sin instead, you empower the Enemy.
 - E. Satan can only function as he keeps people submitted to himself through lies and deception.

GOD OF THIS WORLD

Lesson 6 – Discipleship Questions

1. Psalm 115:16 reveals that God has given the earth to whom?
2. How is Lucifer described in Isaiah 14:12-14?
3. According to 2 Corinthians 4:4, who has blinded the minds of unbelievers?
4. What has he blinded them from?
5. Who is the image of God?
6. According to Psalm 119:89, what is settled in heaven?
7. According to Malachi 3:6, does the Lord change?
8. Hebrews 1:3 says that Jesus is the brightness of His Father's glory and the _____ of His person?
9. What question did Jesus ask in Luke 8:30?
10. According to Genesis 1:26-28, God blessed man and woman and told them to be fruitful, to multiply, to replenish the earth, and to do what?
11. According to John 4:24, what is God?
12. How must we worship Him?
13. Ephesians 2:2 says that in time past (before we were born again) we walked how?
14. Who is the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience?

GOD OF THIS WORLD

Lesson 6 – Scriptures

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Psalm 82:6

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Psalm 115:16

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isaiah 14:12-14

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psalm 119:89

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Malachi 3:6

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 6:16

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:3

And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

Luke 8:30

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth,

and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

Ephesians 2:2

UNDER THE UMBRELLA

Lesson 7 – Outline

I. Satan's only power is deception.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11

- A. *Wiles* literally means “cunningness, craftiness, and deception.”
- B. Satan doesn't have the power or authority to force you to do anything.
- C. The problem is that he's a master liar, intimidator, and deceiver.
- D. When we don't know the truth about who we are in Christ and the power we've been given, then—in a very real sense—we are the ones who are giving Satan the power and authority to rule and dominate us.
- E. That's why the Bible says you have to stand against the wiles, deception, lies, and deceit of the devil.

II. Since God had given dominion over the earth to man, He couldn't just step in and straighten out the mess (Gen. 1:28).

- A. As Creator and owner, He's always had the right and privilege, but outside of total judgment, He didn't have the authority to just come into the affairs of man and change things (Ps. 115:16).
- B. Even though mankind used that authority in a way contrary to what God desired, He would have been unjust and untrue to His own statements to come down here and do that.
- C. This is why God had to become a man.
- D. Jesus—the Word made flesh, the God-Man—had to become a physical person so that He could have authority on this earth.

III. Since there was no person sinless, pure, and able to bring God's righteousness into the earth, He had to come and save us Himself.

I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. . . he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

Ezekiel 22:30 and Isaiah 59:16

- A. God created the physical body for Jesus to inhabit by speaking words over a four-thousand-year period of time through anointed men.
- B. Then those words entered into the womb of Mary, and that's how Jesus was conceived (Luke 1:38 and John 1:14).
- C. That's why He had authority on earth to do what He did.

IV. God couldn't get to Satan directly without violating His Word because He had given authority over the earth to people with physical human bodies.

- A. Jesus said the reason He had authority to execute judgment was because He was the Son of Man.

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 5:26-27

- B. When Jesus said that the Father had given Him authority to execute judgment because He was the Son of Man, He was making a direct reference to the fact that He had a physical body.
- C. He always had power as Creator, but He didn't have the authority to use that power until He took on flesh.
- D. He limited His own authority and power by giving it to us, and God never breaks His Word.

V. Jesus entered into the devil's kingdom and destroyed it.

- A. He took away all authority and power from Satan and reduced him to a zero with the rim knocked off.
- B. If we yield to the devil, we're doing the same thing Adam and Eve did—we are yielding *our* human power and authority.
- C. Satan can't do anything to you without your consent and cooperation.

UNDER THE UMBRELLA

Lesson 7 – Discipleship Questions

1. Ephesians 6:10-11 reveals that we are to stand against what?
2. Who does John 4:24 say is a Spirit?
3. According to Psalm 115:16, the heavens belong to whom?
4. According to Ezekiel 22:30, had God found a man to stand in the gap before Him?
5. Isaiah 59:16 says there was no what?
6. Isaiah 7:14 prophesied that Jesus would be called what?
7. In Luke 1:38, Mary said, “Be it unto me according to...” what?
8. John 1:14 says that the Word was made what?
9. Where did He dwell?
10. What was He full of?
11. What title did Jesus use in John 5:26-27 to express His humanity?
12. According to Colossians 1:16-17, _____ were created by Him.
13. What does 1 Timothy 3:16 reveal God was manifest in?
14. According to 2 Corinthians 2:11, we don’t want whom to get an advantage of us?
15. What are we not ignorant of?

UNDER THE UMBRELLA

Lesson 7 – Scriptures

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John 4:24

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Psalms 115:16

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Ezekiel 22:30

And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

Isaiah 59:16

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:26

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:38

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 5:26-27

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Colossians 1:16-17

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1 Timothy 3:16

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2 Corinthians 2:11

IS THIS THE ONE?

Lesson 8 – Outline

I. God is a Spirit, and He gave dominion over this earth to physical human beings (John 4:24 and Gen. 1:26-28).

A. In doing so, He limited His own dominion and authority.

B. If we don't cooperate with God, we can limit Him.

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 78:41

C. Even the Lord Jesus Christ had to have cooperation from people to release His power into their lives.

He could there do no mighty work...because of their unbelief.

Mark 6:5-6

D. God has the power, but He gave dominion over this earth to physical human beings.

E. Because of His own integrity, He will not overstep that authority and violate His own Word.

II. God is a God of authority.

A. He set structure in place, and He's not going to circumvent it.

B. He would not intervene in the affairs of man until He became a man.

C. Once He took upon Himself the form of flesh, then He had the authority to take it to the devil.

III. The power and authority that Satan has used to rule this earth has been man's authority that God gave him.

A. Understanding that Satan can do nothing in your life without your consent and cooperation puts him down on a plane where he isn't a superior foe.

B. As a master deceiver, he's still a threat because he can lie to you.

C. You must know the truth and be on guard—but you can resist him.

IV. Isaiah 14:15-17 prophesied how people would eventually respond to Satan:

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

- A. Of course, all this has come to pass now that Jesus has literally destroyed the devil through His death, burial, and resurrection.
- B. When we see Satan as he really is, we'll say, "Is this the one who intimidated me? Is this the one I allowed to ruin my life? Is this the one I let keep me in bondage—this nothing, this zero?"
- C. The only power Satan has came from man.
- D. Satan is a factor, but it's only because people yield to him.
- E. If you know the truth, the truth will make you free (John 8:32).

IS THIS THE ONE?

Lesson 8 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to James 4:7, who are we to resist?
2. If we submit to God and actively fight against the devil, what will he do?
3. Who does he flee from?
4. James 2:20 reveals that faith without works is _____.
5. What does John 4:24 say we are to do in spirit and in truth?
6. Genesis 1:26-28 tells us that God gave us dominion over every living thing where?
7. The Israelites turned back and tempted whom in Psalm 78:41?
8. Who did they limit?
9. What caused Jesus to marvel in Mark 6:5-6?
10. What does Isaiah 14:12-17 describe Lucifer as the son of?
11. According to John 8:32, what shall we know?
12. What shall the truth make us?

IS THIS THE ONE?

Lesson 8 – Scriptures

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:20

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

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Isaiah 14:12-17

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

SUCH AS I HAVE

Lesson 9 – Outline

I. As born-again believers, Jesus has given us more authority than even Adam and Eve had.

Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power [authority, power of rule] is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20, brackets mine

A. Jesus gave us power and authority over the devil (Matt. 10:1 and 7-8).

Then he [Jesus] called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

Luke 9:1, brackets mine

B. With that authority comes responsibility.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

C. It's God's power, but that power has been placed under your authority.

D. The battle isn't between God and the devil directly; it's between the devil and us.

E. God has equipped us with authority and power, and we have to use it.

II. In the Gospels, Jesus never commanded His disciples to *pray* for the sick, but He did command them to *heal* the sick (Luke 9:2 and 10:9).

A. God has already released all the healing power it takes for every person on this planet to be healed of every sickness and disease.

B. Jesus took the stripes, and now He's given us the power to heal the sick.

C. He gave us power and authority over all demons to cast them out and cure diseases.

D. Consider Peter and John at the temple gate.

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the

gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Acts 3:1-5

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:6-8

III. God has placed the power to heal on the inside of every born-again believer.

- A. He's also given us the authority to use it, which makes us responsible.
- B. If someone isn't healed, it's not God who didn't heal them—it's us not using our authority and power.
- C. Of course, there may be some other dynamics involved.
- D. However, it always comes back to some person or group of people who are limiting God because they aren't taking the authority God has given them and exercising it (Mark 6:5-6).

IV. Through the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, God has already done His part.

- A. It's God's power, but He's placed it under your authority.
- B. Although I'm strongly emphasizing your responsibility, there's no need to come under any condemnation (Rom. 8:1).
- C. The Lord loves you and wants you to understand these truths so you can enjoy the abundant life He's provided.
- D. If you would understand and believe that God has already done His part and then exercise your authority, you could make things happen.
- E. God has placed supernatural raising-from-the-dead power on the inside of every born-again believer, and as believers it's up to us to command those healings to come to pass (Eph. 1:19-20).

SUCH AS I HAVE

Lesson 9 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Philippians 2:10, what should bow at the name of Jesus?
2. Who did Jesus tell us to go and teach in Matthew 28:18-20?
3. What are we to teach them?
4. According to Matthew 10:1 and 7-8, Jesus gave His disciples power and commanded them to do what?
5. In Luke 9:1-2, Jesus gave them power and authority over what?
6. Luke 10:9 instructs us to heal the sick and then say what to them?
7. According to Acts 3:1-8, in whose name did Peter command this man to rise up and walk?
8. Romans 8:1 declares that there is now no _____ to those who are in Christ Jesus.
9. According to Mark 9:23, what is possible to them that believe?
10. What does 1 Peter 2:24 say that we, being dead to sins, should live unto?
11. By Jesus' stripes we were what?
12. James 5:14-15 instructs a sick person to call for whom?
13. What shall save/heal the sick?
14. According to Ephesians 1:19-20, His power is to us who _____.
15. This is the same power God wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set Him where?

SUCH AS I HAVE

Lesson 9 – Scriptures

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

Philippians 2:10

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Matthew 10:1

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:7-8

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:1-2

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Luke 10:9

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

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Acts 3:6-8

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

Mark 6:5-6

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mark 9:23

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:14-15

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:19-20

COMMAND YE ME

Lesson 10 – Outline

I. Are you acting like a beggar instead of the commander Christ has authorized and empowered you to be?

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:6-8

- A. Christians who don't recognize that in Christ, they've become brand-new creations aren't taking their God-given authority.
- B. I was an old sinner, but then I got saved by grace.
- C. Now I've become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21).
- D. It's true that without God, I'm nothing, but I'm not without God—He lives on the inside of me.
- E. Now I have the authority and power to command the power of God.

II. Now, this authority that Jesus has given us only enforces spiritual law.

- A. If God hasn't provided something, then we can't just command it.
- B. Taking and using the authority Jesus has given isn't us "making" God do things.

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

Isaiah 45:11, emphasis mine

- C. This means that God has told me to command the work of His hands—which is everything He's already provided in Christ—into manifestation.

III. It's like electricity.

- A. The power company generates the power and delivers it to your home.
- B. You've signed a contract, and that power is under your command.

- C. If you want the light to come on, you don't call the power company and ask them to come out and turn it on.
- D. They generate the power, but you must take your position of authority and flip the switch.

IV. Jesus commissioned His disciples and sent them out, saying,

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

- A. If you don't believe that God has already done His part and put that raising-from-the-dead power on the inside of you, then you can't heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, or raise the dead.
- B. God's healing power has already been generated and is now deposited on the inside of every born-again, Spirit-filled, tongue-talking believer.
- C. It's not up to God to heal the sick.
- D. It's up to us to believe, take our authority, release that power, and command these things to happen.
- E. We must give—minister—this healing power to other people.

COMMAND YE ME

Lesson 10 – Discipleship Questions

1. In Acts 3:6-8, the healed man entered with them into the temple how?
2. According to John 15:5, Jesus is the vine and we are the what?
3. What can we do without Him?
4. According to Galatians 2:20, who is crucified with Christ?
5. The life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of whom?
6. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, Jesus was made sin for us so that we might be made what?
7. What did God say in Isaiah 45:11 that we are to command?
8. Acts 19:11-16 tells about the seven sons of whom?
9. Although they weren't born again themselves, they were trying to use the name of Jesus (whom Paul preached) to do what?
10. According to Acts 1:8, when shall we receive power?
11. When that happens, what shall we be?
12. Where?
13. According to Jesus in Matthew 10:8, why are we to freely give?
14. In Mark 7:13, how were the religious leaders making the Word of God of none effect?

COMMAND YE ME

Lesson 10 – Scriptures

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:6-8

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:5

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

Isaiah 45:11

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:11-16

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Mark 7:13

PROCLAIM AND DEMONSTRATE

Lesson 11 – Outline

I. Jesus told us to heal the sick *and* preach the kingdom of God.

Whatever city ye enter...heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Luke 10:8-9

- A. Proclamation and demonstration should always go hand in hand.
- B. God's Word needs to be confirmed with signs, wonders, and miracles.
- C. This is the way the early New Testament church preached the Gospel.

Being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord... behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Acts 4:23-24 and 29-30

- D. A true Christian is a person who not only has a proper doctrine about who Jesus is, but who can also demonstrate it by the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

II. The reason that isn't happening more is because we are praying and asking God to do what He commanded us to do.

- A. The Lord told us to go heal the sick.
- B. God is the power source, but He's placed that power on the inside of us.
- C. He gave us the authority to use His name and use His power.
- D. If we don't command healing to come, it won't happen.

III. God desires for every person to respond to Him and receive salvation.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

- A. The Bible clearly reveals that God's will doesn't just automatically come to pass.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

- B. Every individual person has a choice.
- C. God isn't going to force anyone to be saved—He honors our free will.

IV. You can't just make a person get saved on your faith.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 16:31

- A. In context, this is saying, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. And as each one of your family members believe on Him, they'll be saved too."
- B. Each person must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and receive salvation for themselves.
- C. People have a choice in the matter.

V. God gave us authority, and with it comes responsibility.

- A. In order to see people born again, we must preach the Gospel.
- B. If people aren't being born again, it's not because God hasn't done everything necessary to provide their salvation.
- C. Some way or another, it's people that are messing things up.
- D. The same logic applies to healing, prosperity, and restoring marriages.

VI. Let's stop begging God to do what He has told us to do.

- A. Instead of asking Him to send revival and save people, we need to go out and preach the Gospel with signs and wonders.
- B. Let's take what Jesus has already provided and make it manifest.
- C. God's power is released as we use our authority.

PROCLAIM AND DEMONSTRATE

Lesson 11 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Luke 10:8-9, what should we eat when we enter into a city and are received?
2. In Acts 4:23-30, the early believers prayed that they would speak God's Word how?
3. They also asked that as they spoke the Word that healings, signs, and wonders would be done by whose name?
4. According to 2 Peter 3:9, who is the Lord longsuffering toward?
5. What does He not want?
6. He is willing that how many should come to repentance?
7. According to Matthew 7:13-14, we should enter in where?
8. This gate leads to what?
9. How many find it?
10. If we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, Acts 16:31 says that we shall be what?
11. According to Romans 10:14-17, how beautiful are _____ feet.
12. How does faith come?

PROCLAIM AND DEMONSTRATE

Lesson 11 – Scriptures

And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Luke 10:8-9

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is.

Acts 4:23-24

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Acts 4:29-30

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Matthew 7:13-14

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 16:31

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:14-17

BE A WITNESS

Lesson 12 – Outline

I. Jesus told His disciples, *you* will have power to be a witness.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

- A. The Lord would never give you a position without also giving you the authority to execute and accomplish what He told you to do.
- B. So, with this power to be a witness comes an authority to be a witness—and all the responsibility that goes along with it.

II. Peter exercised this power and authority to be a witness when he followed God's leading to Cornelius' house.

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

Acts 10:1-6

- A. Angels don't have the authority to preach the Gospel—we do.
- B. God has limited Himself to preaching the Gospel through people.
- C. God's plan is for us to preach the truth of the Gospel and for people to hear it and be born again through the incorruptible seed of God's Word.
- D. You can't pray a person into the kingdom of God.

III. You have to be born again by the incorruptible seed of God's Word.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23

- A. God's Word is the seed.
- B. It must be planted in the ground that is a person's heart.
- C. You can't be born again without faith, and that faith comes through the seed of God's Word.

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

IV. Many Christians are praying for people to be born again, but they're not praying about the planting of the seed.

- A. There are ways you can pray to speed things up and enable the Holy Spirit to minister to this person more, but just praying and asking God "Please save them" is useless.
- B. Prayer may help once we've already shared the Gospel, but it's not a substitute for doing what God has told us to do.
- C. The Lord knows that as people receive the truth into their hearts, it will make them free.

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

V. God moves on this earth through His people (Eph. 3:20).

- A. He moves as we preach, teach, and act on His Word.
- B. He moves through us as we obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- C. God told us to influence our nation by ministering His Word because the number one power of the church is the proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16).

It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching [the Gospel] to save them that believe.

1 Corinthians 1:21, brackets mine

BE A WITNESS

Lesson 12 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Acts 1:6-8, we shall receive power after _____ has come upon us.
2. What was the child's name in 1 Samuel 4:21?
3. What does this name mean?
4. In Acts 10:1-6, who was described as a devout man?
5. Who came to him in a vision?
6. Who was he told to send for?
7. What shall this man tell him?
8. According to 1 Peter 1:23, what kind of seed is the Word of God?
9. What does Romans 10:17 reveal comes by hearing the Word of God?
10. Who does Matthew 9:38 tell us to pray to?
11. Who is the Comforter mentioned in John 14:26?
12. According to Ephesians 3:20, what do we need to have working in us?
13. In Romans 1:16, Paul shares how he was not ashamed of what?
14. It is the power of God unto what?
15. According to 1 Corinthians 1:21, by what foolishness did it please God to save them that believe?

BE A WITNESS

Lesson 12 – Scriptures

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:6-8

And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

1 Samuel 4:21

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Acts 10:1-6

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:38

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

1 Corinthians 1:21

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE LOST

Lesson 13 – Outline

I. I'd like to share with you some biblical ways to effectively pray for a lost person.

- A. This kind of prayer is like water.
- B. You can water barren ground all you like, but it won't produce a harvest.
- C. You must plant the seed of God's Word for people to be born again.
- D. However, these are some good ways to pray to water the seed that's been planted.

II. As you start praying for a lost person, you need to recognize that God loves them infinitely more than you do (John 3:16).

- A. The Lord doesn't want this person to perish, but to repent, turn to Him, and enjoy everlasting life.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

- B. In light of this, you could start thanking God, saying, "Father, I thank You that You love this person so much that You gave Your only begotten Son for them. It's not Your will for them to perish but to come to repentance and turn to You. I thank You, Lord, that You've already provided for their salvation."

He [Jesus] is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:2, brackets mine

- C. You can continue praying, "Father, I thank You that You've already made provision. Jesus, You were the atoning sacrifice for everyone's sins—not only for those who believe but also those who are lost. So, Father, I thank You that You want them to be saved, and You've already provided it."

III. Then you can take your authority and start speaking out things that need to happen.

- A. "Father, Your Word says that faith comes by hearing Your Word. So I'm praying that Your Word will come across their path."

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

- B. “I ask that You would send forth laborers across their path.”

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:38

- C. Pray that the Word they’ve already heard will come back to their remembrance.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

- D. Then, offer yourself as a vessel.

- IV. Also, you can take your authority and stand against the devil.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

- A. God needs someone in a physical body to take their authority and release His power, saying, “I command this demonic blindness and hardened heart to be gone in Jesus’ name.”
- B. Because you are praying for another person—who has their own free will—you may need to pray these things for them again and again.
- C. The reason you have to pray this kind of prayer over and over again is because the person is constantly voiding your prayer by hardening their heart.
- D. When the Word says that you can remit sins, it means you can deal with the effects sin causes in that person.

Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

John 20:23

- E. Even though they may choose to resist and reject the drawing of the Holy Spirit, you can be confident that through your prayers, God is continuing to work in their life.

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE LOST

Lesson 13 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to John 3:16, God so loved whom?
2. That He gave whom?
3. That who should not perish?
4. But have what?
5. According to 2 Peter 3:9, is the Lord slack concerning His promise?
6. First John 2:2 reveals that Jesus is what for our sins?
7. For our sins only?
8. But also for the sins of whom?
9. Matthew 9:38 tells us to pray that the Lord would send forth whom?
10. Send them forth where?
11. Who does John 14:26 reveal will teach us all things Jesus said to us?
12. Who will send Him in Jesus' name?
13. According to 2 Corinthians 4:4, what light does the god of this world work to blind the minds of unbelievers from seeing?
14. John 20:23 speaks of the authority Jesus has given us to do what?

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE LOST

Lesson 13 – Scriptures

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

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So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

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John 20:23

HOW DOES REVIVAL COME?

Lesson 14 – Outline

- I. Revival is when people are completely in love with God.
 - A. There's a freshness, a vitality, and an excitement about their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - B. In revival, the miraculous power of God is in manifestation—people are being healed, delivered, saved, and baptized in the Holy Spirit.
 - C. Churches are full and growing, and folks from all walks of life are turning back to God.
 - D. The Lord wants us living in revival much more than we want it.
- II. So much of what is currently being said concerning prayer for revival is all about us begging God to pour out this and pleading with Him to send that.
 - A. Most of these people assume that God is so ticked off at us that He's holding back His Holy Spirit.
 - B. They're begging God to turn back to the church and pleading with Him to have mercy on the human race, which is *not* a New Testament prayer.
- III. There is now only one mediator—the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

- A. A *mediator* is someone who stands between two parties that are at odds with each other, seeking to reconcile them.
- B. Moses stood as a mediator between an angry God and a sinful people (Ex. 32:12 and 14).
- C. This worked under the Old Covenant because God was angry, sin had separated mankind from Him, and there was judgment to be meted out.
- D. However, now that we're in the New Covenant, Jesus has become our Mediator (Heb. 7, 10:10-14; 2 Cor. 5:18-19; and John 19:30).

- E. The way that much of the church has been praying and pleading with God is literally against what Jesus Christ came to do—it's anti-Christ (trying to take the place of Christ and accomplish what He's already done).

IV. We need to believe God's Word and release our authority by going out and preaching the Gospel.

- A. God isn't holding back the flow of His Spirit; we are—it's the body of Christ that is clogging up the pipes and keeping God from flowing.
- B. What you need to do is work on your pipe.
- C. Start meditating on the Word until you can see on the inside—with the eyes of your heart—blind eyes and deaf ears opened, demons cast out, and the dead raised. Then you'll start seeing it manifest in the physical realm too.
- D. God is in heaven with His arms out, trying to release His power, saying, "Is there anyone who will believe Me? Is there anyone who will stand up and start speaking, living, and demonstrating My Word?"
- E. If you will do that, you'll have all the revival you can handle.

V. In the New Testament, the believers went out and preached the Word everywhere.

They went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:20

- A. As they preached the truth, the Holy Spirit bore supernatural witness to that truth.
- B. So many people repented and converted to Christ that the temple of Diana in Ephesus fell into disrepair.
- C. The early New Testament believers prayed that they would be bold, faithful witnesses despite opposition.

Now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Acts 4:29-30

HOW DOES REVIVAL COME?

Lesson 14 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to 1 Timothy 2:5, how many mediators are there now between God and men?
2. Galatians 3:19 reveals that the Law was ordained by angels in the hand of whom?
3. How did the Lord respond when Moses prayed for Him to turn from His fierce wrath and repent of this evil against His people in Exodus 32:12 and 14?
4. According to Hebrews 10:10-14, by one offering He has perfected for how long them that are sanctified?
5. Second Corinthians 5:18-19 reveals that God has reconciled us to Himself by whom?
6. What ministry has He given to us?
7. What word has He committed to us?
8. What did Jesus say in John 19:30 right before He bowed His head and gave up the ghost?
9. In Mark 2:4, what did this sick man's friends do to get him into the crowded house where Jesus was teaching?
10. According to Acts 5:15-16, how many of the sick and demonized folks were healed?
11. Acts 16:20 says that the early believers went forth and _____ everywhere.
12. How did the Lord confirm the Word?
13. In the midst of the persecution they were experiencing, how did the early believers in Acts 4:29-30 pray to be able to speak forth the Word?
14. How did Paul ask his friends to pray for him in Ephesians 6:18-20, concerning the mystery of the Gospel?
15. According to Romans 1:16, the Gospel is the power of God to salvation to whom?

HOW DOES REVIVAL COME?

Lesson 14 – Scriptures

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 3:19

Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

Exodus 32:12

And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

Exodus 32:14

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:10-14

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

John 19:30

And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

Mark 2:4

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came

also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Acts 5:15-16

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:20

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Acts 4:29-30

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:18-20

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

BELIEVE AND RECEIVE

Lesson 15 – Outline

I. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, it's our responsibility to boldly preach the Gospel and faithfully teach God's Word.

Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!... So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:13-15 and 17

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 2:38-39

- A. God never quit pouring out His Holy Spirit.
- B. This promise was intended to go from generation to generation to all believers throughout time.
- C. We can just believe and receive the free gift He's given (Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4-5).

II. The reason we aren't seeing a greater revival is because we have very few people who are flowing in revival—believing God's Word, taking their authority, and making the power of God manifest.

- A. We must step out in faith and use what God has given us, or revival won't manifest.
- B. God poured out His Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and He's never withdrawn Him since (Acts 2:38-39).
- C. Martin Luther heard the Word and believed it.

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:27-28

- D. The Reformation sprung up, and the world was forever changed because a single person—a physical human being—believed, received, and acted on the Word of God.

III. The healing revival sprung up because someone saw healing in the Word, believed God, and started releasing this power into the earth by using their authority.

- A. They stepped out in faith on the Word and saw the Holy Spirit demonstrated.
- B. That healing power has been available ever since the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, but the church just hadn't been receiving it.
- C. The Lord has always desired for us to receive healings, manifest miracles, and experience revival ever since He walked on this earth.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:12

- D. God always intended for His church to operate in the supernatural.

IV. The whole counsel of God has always been available to those who would believe.

- A. The Lord is today all that He ever was and all that He'll ever be.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8

- B. He wants to move in and through your life in miracles, healings, deliverance, and prosperity.
- C. Everything that God is, is now available to you through His Word.

V. As you seek Him and continue building yourself up in faith, the power of God will manifest, and you'll operate in all the revival you want.

Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

- A. You're the one who determines how much revival you have—not God.
- B. God has already given; you just haven't received it yet.
- C. You need to work on your receiving, not God's giving.

BELIEVE AND RECEIVE

Lesson 15 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Romans 10:13-17, who shall be saved?
2. Preachers of the Gospel of peace bring glad tidings of what?
3. What gift is promised in Acts 2:38-39 to those who repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins?
4. John baptized with water, but what does Acts 1:4-5 say they shall be baptized with not many days hence?
5. What does Acts 1:8 reveal that we receive after the Holy Spirit is come upon us?
6. What did Jesus say in Luke 24:49 that the promise of His Father would endue us with?
7. What law does Romans 3:27-28 speak of?
8. Is a man justified by faith with or without the deeds of the Law?
9. Who shall do the works mentioned by Jesus in John 14:12?
10. In addition to the works Jesus did, what works did He promise these believers would also do?
11. According to Hebrews 13:8, Jesus Christ is what yesterday, today, and forever?
12. According to Hebrews 11:6, is it possible to please God without faith?
13. What is God to those that diligently seek Him?
14. What did Eli do to Elkanah and his wife in 1 Samuel 2:20?

BELIEVE AND RECEIVE

Lesson 15 – Scriptures

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Romans 10:13-17

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 2:38-39

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:4-5

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luke 24:49

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Romans 3:27-28

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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

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But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

1 Samuel 2:20

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU POWER

Lesson 16 – Outline

I. The Lord blessed us and gave us the ability to procreate.

God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27-28

A. This power and authority God gave us comes with responsibility.

B. Therefore, you can pray until you're blue in the face, but a woman isn't going to get pregnant until she has a relationship with a man.

II. God's Word says to speak to your mountain.

Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

A. It's God's power, but He put it under our control.

B. There are spiritual laws that in order to cooperate with them, we must use our authority as human beings.

C. If we don't step out in faith to cooperate with God in these areas, they won't come to pass.

D. We need to find out what's under our authority and start using it the way God intended.

III. In the area of provision, God has given us power to get wealth.

Thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 8:18

A. God gave us power—an anointing, an ability—to get wealth.

- B. Since God doesn't have money directly, He sends it to you through people.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:38

- C. God impresses other people, and people will be involved in getting you His supply.
- D. God gave you power to get wealth, so you must learn to use your authority to release that power.

IV. In order to see God's provision for you manifest, you must cooperate with the spiritual laws governing prosperity.

- A. God has promised to bless all the work of your hands.

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee...in all that thou settest thine hand unto...The LORD shall...bless all the work of thine hand.

Deuteronomy 28:8 and 12

- B. However, if you aren't setting your hands to something, God doesn't have anything to bless.
- C. You aren't going to see God begin to prosper you if you aren't working.

This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

- D. If you're going to get into God's divine flow of provision, then you need to start doing some things to release that power and see this anointing begin to generate the income you need.
- E. The Lord said He would give back to you with the same measure that you used (Luke 6:38).
- F. It's not God who fails to answer our prayers—it's us who fail to take our authority and use it properly.

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU POWER

Lesson 16 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Mark 11:23, where should we not doubt?
2. What shall we believe?
3. According to Matthew 10:8, how are we to minister to the sick?
4. How are we to minister to the lepers?
5. How are we to minister to the (prematurely) dead?
6. How are we to deal with devils?
7. Deuteronomy 8:18 instructs us to remember whom?
8. What power has He given us?
9. For what purpose?
10. According to Luke 6:38, what happens when we give?
11. Who gives into our bosom?
12. With what measure shall it be measured to us again?
13. What does Deuteronomy 28:8 and 12 say concerning all the work of our hands?
14. Where else does the Lord command His blessing upon us?
15. According to 2 Thessalonians 3:10, those who don't work shouldn't what?

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU POWER

Lesson 16 – Scriptures

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27-28

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 8:18

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:38

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 28:8

The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Deuteronomy 28:12

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

THE DEVIL WILL FLEE FROM YOU

Lesson 17 – Outline

I. God has given us power and authority over the devil.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

A. God gave us power and authority over *all* devils—and *all* means *all*.

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

Luke 9:1

B. You aren't going to get freed from Satan's harassment by praying and asking God to remove the devil.

C. That power and authority has been given to you.

II. You have to resist the devil.

A. *Resist* means "to actively fight against."

B. Resistance is active.

C. The godly use of anger is to be mad at the devil, mad at sickness, mad at disease, and mad at poverty.

D. When you get angry and resist the devil, he's just like a bully.

E. The moment he knows it's going to cost him something—that you're going to stand there toe to toe in the name of Jesus and go at it with him—Satan will flee from you.

III. You don't resist the devil by saying, "Dear devil, please leave me alone."

A. God gave you power and authority, and you have to activate it by stirring yourself up, becoming violently resolved (Matt. 11:12), and just putting your spiritual foot down by saying, "Satan, get out of my life!"

B. God isn't going to rebuke the devil for you.

C. If you resist the devil, he *will* flee from you.

D. If you are dealing with demonic opposition, then you have to step up to the plate, take the authority God has given you, and command the devil to flee.

IV. There are two sides to this coin—submitting to God and resisting the devil.

A. You can't just go around binding and rebuking anything you want.

B. These truths concerning authority will only work for you when you are submitted to God.

C. When you are seeking Him with your whole heart and you perceive the devil hindering you, then you can take your authority and command those things to change.

D. When you are submitted to God, then you can resist the devil—actively fight against him—and he will flee from you.

Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

Mark 1:25

V. Since God has given you this power and authority, you also have the responsibility to exercise it.

A. You can't go back to God and beg Him to do what He has commanded you to do.

B. You must pray, speak, and act in line with the authority God has given you.

C. Do what the Word says, and you'll see His power manifest.

D. Then you'll have all the revival you can handle.

THE DEVIL WILL FLEE FROM YOU

Lesson 17 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to James 4:7, who are we to submit to?
2. How should we deal with the devil?
3. Who did Jesus call together in Luke 9:1?
4. What did He give them over all devils?
5. And to cure what?
6. According to Matthew 11:12, what suffers violence?
7. From when to when has it suffered violence?
8. Who takes it by force?
9. In Mark 1:25, what did Jesus do to the demon?
10. What two commands did the Lord speak to him?

THE DEVIL WILL FLEE FROM YOU

Lesson 17 – Scriptures

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

Luke 9:1

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

Mark 1:25

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Lesson 18 – Outline

I. We exercise authority when we take our responsibility and do what God has told us to do.

- A. However, this doesn't mean we can just "command" anything we want.
- B. All authority can do is enforce law.
- C. In the spiritual realm, there are demons who are constantly trying to oppose us, inflict their evil will upon us, and prevent us from experiencing the fullness of God's provision.
- D. We must enforce the spiritual laws of God's kingdom that have been given to us.

II. Most people don't see the kingdom of God as operating under law.

- A. Although many scriptures reveal the power of the name of Jesus (Phil. 2:9-11), God has magnified His Word even above His name.

Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Psalm 138:2

- B. The name of Jesus is powerful because He never breaks His Word.
- C. When God says something, it becomes a legal binding contract.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalm 89:34

- D. Our entire universe is held together by the integrity and power of God's Word (Heb. 1:3).
- E. So when God speaks something out of His mouth, it becomes a contract—a law.

III. In order to effectively use your authority, you must know what God's laws are.

- A. You must know what the laws are that govern the kingdom of God and then abide by them.
- B. If you try to enforce something outside of those laws, it won't work.

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Romans 3:27

- C. A law is something that is both constant and universal. It's consistent for everybody on the planet; it's the same for everyone, and it's always that way.
- D. God Himself is consistent and predictable because He operates by His own spiritual laws.
- E. You need to find out what His spiritual laws are and then take your authority as a believer and enforce them.

IV. If you're ignorant of God's Word, then you won't be very effective in exercising your authority, because Satan will just talk you out of it.

- A. Many Christians are ignorant of the abundant life God has given us.
- B. Therefore, they live without enjoying many of the salvation benefits Jesus died on the cross to provide.

This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5:14-15

- C. If you think that God just sometimes wills for a person to be saved, healed, or prospered and sometimes He doesn't, then you don't know what God's will is (1 Pet. 2:24).
- D. God's Word reveals His will.

Beloved, I wish [will, want, desire] above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 2, brackets mine

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

- E. The Lord has ordained laws for your good, so you can access the abundant life He's provided for you—however, you must learn what these laws are so you can cooperate with them and demand Satan to quit stealing, killing, and destroying the blessings that are rightfully yours.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Lesson 18 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Philippians 2:9-11, what should every tongue confess?
2. To the glory of whom?
3. Psalm 89:34 says that God will not alter what?
4. According to Hebrews 1:3, where did Jesus sit down when He had purged our sins?
5. According to Romans 3:27, where is boasting, then?
6. What does Psalm 35:27 say that those who favor God's righteous cause should do?
7. How often should they say, "Let the LORD be magnified"?
8. The Lord takes pleasure in the prosperity of whom?
9. According to 1 John 5:14-15, what is the confidence that we have in Him?
10. What is it we know that we have?
11. In 3 John 2, God clearly wishes (wills) what?
12. According to 1 John 5:5, who is he that overcomes the world?
13. James 1:17 reveals that what kind of gift comes down from above?
14. From whom?
15. Is there any variableness or shadow of turning with Him?

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Lesson 18 – Scriptures

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Psalm 138:2

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Psalm 89:34

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:3

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Romans 3:27

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Deuteronomy 28:8

The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Deuteronomy 28:12

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Psalm 35:27

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

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3 John 2

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:5

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:17

HOW THE POWER FLOWS

Lesson 19 – Outline

I. The woman who had an issue of blood powerfully illustrates these truths about how the kingdom of God operates by law.

A certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

Mark 5:25-29

And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Mark 5:30-34

- A. Jesus honestly didn't know who had touched Him (Luke 2:52 and 2:11).
 - B. Therefore, He didn't evaluate her to see if she was worthy or not.
 - C. This shows that the power of God flows under law.
- II. When you tap into these spiritual laws, the power of God just flows.
- A. God established His kingdom to operate under spiritual laws.
 - B. As believers, we need to find out what those laws are and cooperate with them.
 - C. As you learn how to cooperate with and enforce these laws, you'll see God's provision for you manifest.
- III. God has already done His part.
- A. The Word clearly reveals that the Lord has already healed us, but we have yet to take advantage of it (1 Pet. 2:24).

- B. When God said **“By whose stripes ye were healed”** (1 Pet. 2:24), He put it into the past tense, as an already-accomplished reality.
- C. Therefore, you ought to believe the Word and say, “I know it’s already done. He put the same power on the inside of me that raised Jesus from the dead (Eph. 1:18-20). I take my authority, and now I speak to my problem and command these things to happen.”

IV. Although there are many different spiritual laws, one of them that governs whether you receive from God or not is the power of your words (Matt. 12:34-37, James 3, Mark 11).

A man’s belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:20-21

- A. This woman in Mark 5 said, **“If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole”** (Mark 5:28).
- B. You will have what you say (Mark 11:23).
- C. You can’t speak death out of your mouth and expect to receive life—it doesn’t work that way.
- D. Faith flows through words.
- E. Words release either death or life, but your ignorance of this law doesn’t mean that the law is going to change.
- F. God’s Word says that faith speaks (Rom. 10:6).

V. God created these laws, and He doesn’t just suspend them.

- A. The same law that will help you if you cooperate with it will also kill you if you violate it (e.g., gravity, electricity).
- B. It’s the same way in the spiritual realm.

HOW THE POWER FLOWS

Lesson 19 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Mark 5:25-34, what did Jesus ask when He perceived that virtue (power) had gone out of Him?
2. Luke 2:52 reveals that Jesus increased in what?
3. He increased in favor with whom?
4. In Luke 2:11, Christ the Lord is also called what?
5. According to Matthew 12:34-37, what does the mouth speak out of?
6. What does a good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, bring forth?
7. What does an evil man, out of the evil treasure of his heart, bring forth?
8. What shall we give an account for on the Day of Judgment?
9. According to James 3:2-12, what are bits and bridles for?
10. A very small helm (rudder) turns what?
11. What is a fire, a world of iniquity?
12. What ought not to be?
13. Can a fountain yield both salt water and fresh?
14. According to Romans 10:6, what does the righteousness that is of faith do?

HOW THE POWER FLOWS

Lesson 19 – Scriptures

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Mark 5:30-34

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Luke 2:52

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:18-20

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Proverbs 18:20-21

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:34-37

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

James 3:2-5

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

James 3:6-12

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:).

Romans 10:6

COOPERATE WITH GOD

Lesson 20 – Outline

I. It's the truth that will set people free (John 8:32).

- A. If you start asking God for cancer, believing He is a source of it, it'll come your way.
- B. It's not that God sent it, but there are lying spirits that masquerade themselves as angels of light who will claim to be His messenger (2 Cor. 11:14).
- C. If you start praying for tragedy in your life, you'll get plenty of it—and you'll think it's from God.

Let not that [double minded] man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

James 1:7, brackets mine

- D. When we ministered to my friend with leukemia, we violated God's Word and opened up a door for the devil through false teaching and wrong believing.
- E. I accepted my responsibility, and I've changed.
- F. I can't undo what's done, but I can redeem that situation by going and sharing these truths with other people and seeing them set free.

II. God Himself will not violate our free will.

When the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

Mark 6:2-3

- A. Mark 6:5 says that Jesus *could* do no mighty work—it's not that He wouldn't do it; He couldn't do it.

But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

Mark 6:4-5

- B. He won't make you receive.
- C. He has provided—generated—the power, but you must cooperate and flip the switch.
- D. You must learn how to receive what God has already done.

III. Just as Jesus could do no mighty work in His own hometown, unbelief prevents God from doing what He wants to do in your life (Matt. 13:58).

- A. Your unbelief stops God from doing His will.
- B. God will not move in your life without your cooperation.
- C. You must be in agreement with Him.
- D. You may desire the right end results, but you won't receive them if you disobey every single law along the way.
- E. You will reap what you sow (Gal. 6:7-8), and faith without works is dead (James 2:17).

IV. You can't just pray for something and then act in a way that's contrary to it.

- A. God gave us a free choice.
- B. Your personal will is very powerful and important.
- C. One of God's laws is that you can't have your will in one direction and then expect to get the results that would come from going in another.
- D. You can't just yield to and serve the devil—giving him total access to you—and reap the benefits of a godly life.
- E. God doesn't move in our lives because we deserve it.
- F. However, in order to see His provision—His will—manifest, we do have to cooperate with Him.

COOPERATE WITH GOD

Lesson 20 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to John 8:32, we shall what the truth?
2. Second Corinthians 11:14 reveals that who is transformed?
3. Into what?
4. According to James 1:7, a double-minded man should not think that he shall receive what?
5. According to Mark 6:2-5, what was the reaction of many who were hearing Jesus begin to teach in the synagogue?
6. Where is a prophet without honor?
7. Other than laying His hands on a few sick folk and healing them, what could Jesus do there?
8. Matthew 13:58 reveals that their unbelief limited Him from doing what?
9. According to Galatians 6:7-8, who is not mocked?
10. What shall we reap?
11. What do people who sow to the flesh reap?
12. What do people who sow to the Spirit reap?
13. What does James 2:17 say is dead if it is alone?

COOPERATE WITH GOD

Lesson 20 – Scriptures

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14

For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

James 1:7

And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

Mark 6:2-5

And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Matthew 13:58

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:7-8

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 2:17

AS YOU THINK

Lesson 21 – Outline

I. Your life moves in the direction of your dominant thoughts.

As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

Proverbs 23:7

A. You will reap emotions based on what you focus your attention on.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

B. You must learn to keep your thoughts centered on God and His Word.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

C. Your emotions will follow what you think.

D. Grace and peace are multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord—not through prayer.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2

II. The laws of God say that you must think on the right things to receive the right results.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful [full of care] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7, brackets mine

A. As you keep your mind stayed upon the Lord, the peace of God will keep your heart and mind.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

- B. In other words, this is a command to keep your mind stayed on the Lord and His Word (Is. 26:3).

III. God made you so that your physical and emotional health follows the way you think.

- A. God's Word is "**life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh**" (Prov. 4:22).

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalm 107:20

- B. God's prescription for health is His Word.
- C. Take it in daily doses, just like medicine.
- D. Many people are praying for health, but they're violating the Great Physician's instructions.
- E. He's prescribed to us the Gos-pill (Gospel).

IV. God isn't free to move in your life independent of you.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

- A. He doesn't control your life without your consent or agreement.
- B. There has to be power working on the inside of you—specifically the power of faith.
- C. God isn't going to do what He told you to do (James 4:7, Matt. 10:8, Eph. 1:18-20, and Mark 16:18).
- D. The release of God's power in your life is directly proportional to how you believe.

AS YOU THINK

Lesson 21 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Proverbs 23:7, as we _____ in our hearts, so are we.
2. What does Romans 8:6 say is death?
3. What does it say is life and peace?
4. According to Isaiah 26:3, who will the Lord keep in perfect peace?
5. Second Peter 1:2 says that grace and peace is what to us?
6. How?
7. According to Philippians 4:4-8, when should we rejoice?
8. We should be careful—full of care—for what?
9. What shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus?
10. What things should we think on?
11. According to Proverbs 4:22, God's Word is life to those who find them and health to all their what?
12. According to Psalm 107:20, what did God send?
13. The Word healed them and delivered them from what?
14. Mark 16:18 says that if a believer drinks any deadly thing, it shall not what?
15. These believers will lay hands on the sick, and they shall what?

AS YOU THINK

Lesson 21 – Scriptures

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Proverbs 23:7

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:4-8

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:22

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalms 107:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:18-20

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:18

HONOR GOD

Lesson 22 – Outline

I. When you cooperate with God's spiritual laws, His power flows.

- A. When you disobey them, it stops the power of God from operating.
- B. Again, we see this very clearly in Mark 5 with the woman with the issue of blood.

A certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse.

Mark 5:25-26

- C. This woman was determined.

She had heard of Jesus.

Mark 5:27

II. You cannot believe and receive from God without first somehow hearing of Jesus and His Word.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?...So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:14-17

- A. If you want to increase and release your faith, you need to increase your revelation knowledge of God's Word.
- B. Both faith and unbelief come by hearing.
- C. Maybe you ought to change your lifestyle to fit the Word.

III. This woman in Mark 5 was committed that she was going to receive something from God.

For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

Mark 5:28

- A. She spoke her faith and then acted on it.
- B. In order to act on her faith, she had to overcome what other people thought.

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

John 5:44

- C. If you are afraid of other people and what they're going to say, it'll hinder your faith.

The fear of man bringeth a snare.

Proverbs 29:25

- D. You must believe with all your heart.

Let God be true, but every man a liar.

Romans 3:4

- E. You can't harbor reservations and fears.

IV. As believers exercising our authority, we don't just pick and choose and make God do certain things.

- A. All we do is enforce the laws He's already set in place.

- B. We discover what God has already provided and how He said it works, and then we cooperate with and enforce those laws.

HONOR GOD

Lesson 22 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Mark 5:25-28, how many years had the woman had the issue of blood?
2. How much had she spent trying to get well?
3. What did she touch believing she would be made whole?
4. According to Romans 10:14, how can they believe in Him of whom they have not_____.
5. Romans 10:17 says that faith comes as we _____ the Word of God.
6. According to John 5:44, seeking the honor that comes from other people will hinder what?
7. We need to seek the honor that comes from whom instead?
8. What does Leviticus 15:19-33 say that a woman with an issue of blood was (under the Law)?
9. According to Proverbs 29:25, what brings a snare?
10. Who should we put our trust in?
11. Then what shall we be?
12. Romans 3:4 says to let God be _____ and every man a liar.

HONOR GOD

Lesson 22 – Scriptures

And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

Mark 5:25-28

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:14

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

John 5:44

And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even. And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean. And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even. And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

Leviticus 15:19-24

And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean. Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation. And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness. Thus shall ye

separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them. This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith; And of her that is sick of her flowers, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

Leviticus 15:25-33

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Proverbs 29:25

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Romans 3:4

NO NEW TESTAMENT MODEL

Lesson 23 – Outline

I. The warfare we face today is in enforcing the Lord's victory.

A. It's fighting against the wiles of the devil—his deception, lies, trickery, cunningness, and craftiness (Eph. 6:11).

B. All the warfare scriptures in the New Testament reveal that the battle is in our minds.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

C. Satan is fighting us with thoughts, and we counter him with the thoughts God gives us.

D. As people believe and obey the truth, they are set free and come out from under the control of these demonic influences around them.

II. Satan has to flow through physical things to control the way you think (Rom. 8:6, Prov. 23:7, and Is. 26:3).

Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

A. Demons influence us through thoughts.

B. They have to influence a person, and then that person yields to Satan.

C. He begins to educate them—putting his lies and deception into their life—so they can influence other people.

III. Neither Jesus, Peter, nor Paul ever gathered people together to do “spiritual warfare” and “bind” demonic powers—they put their effort into preaching the Gospel and sharing God's Word.

A. They prayed like the early believers in Acts 4:

Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Acts 4:29-30

- B. Then the place was shaken by the power of the Holy Spirit, and they went out boldly sharing the Gospel (Acts 4:31, 5:12-16; and Mark 16:20).
- C. They saw their world changed not through “spiritual warfare” and “intercession” but through the preaching of the Gospel.
- D. Some people are using “intercession” as a cop-out to keep from sharing the Word of God.
- E. The way people are born again is through a seed of God’s Word being planted (1 Pet. 1:23).

IV. Satan can only influence us and gain our consent and cooperation through our thoughts.

Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

- A. Once you know the truth, deception no longer has any power.

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

- B. The church’s strength is in preaching the Gospel and sharing God’s Word.
- C. We do need to pray so we can be sensitive to God, yield to Him, hear clearly, and be bold to speak, but we don’t need to do fifteen to twenty hours worth of “spiritual warfare” to prepare things before we get there.
- D. As you preach the truth, the truth will cause demons to flee.
- E. Demons were even present at the Last Supper (John 13:27).

V. Jesus didn’t do “spiritual warfare” the way it’s being promoted today.

- A. There is no New Testament model for this “spiritual warfare” and “intercession” stuff.
- B. Some of this is being taught from Scripture, but they’re using Old Testament scriptures—and there’s a huge difference between the way things were done in the Old Testament and the way they are done in the New.

NO NEW TESTAMENT MODEL

Lesson 23 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Ephesians 6:11-12, what don't we wrestle against?
2. Second Corinthians 10:3-5 reveals that the weapons of our warfare are not what?
3. What does Romans 8:6 say produces life and peace?
4. Romans 12:2 commands us not be conformed to what?
5. What are we transformed by?
6. After the early believers prayed in Acts 4:29-31, how did they speak the Word of God?
7. According to Acts 5:12-16, how many of the sick and demonized people brought to the apostles were healed?
8. Mark 16:20 reveals that the Lord confirmed what with signs following?
9. What does 1 Peter 1:23 say lives and abides forever?
10. First Peter 5:8 compares our adversary, the devil, to what?
11. Who does John 13:27 reveal entered into Judas after the sop?
12. Then Jesus told him to do what he was going to do how?

NO NEW TESTAMENT MODEL

Lesson 23 – Scriptures

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:11-12

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Proverbs 23:7

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:29-31

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch)... Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Acts 5:12 and 15-16

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:20

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

John 13:27

ONE MEDIATOR

Lesson 24 – Outline

I. Exodus 32 is an Old Testament passage that is often cited when people teach “spiritual warfare” and “intercession” (Ex. 32:7-10).

Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

Exodus 32:11-14

- A. This is a classic example of Old Testament intercession.
- B. Moses confronted God, told Him to turn from His fierce wrath, and He did.
- C. That was appropriate for Moses to pray, because Christ hadn't come yet and suffered the punishment for our sin.
- D. However, under the New Covenant, everything has changed.
- E. Jesus became the Intercessor to end all of that kind of intercession.

II. In the New Testament, Jesus became the mediator that stood between us and God.

There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

- A. A mediator is someone who stands in between two parties who are in conflict with each other and tries to bring them into harmony and agreement.
- B. *Antichrist* means “against or instead of Christ.”
- C. Now that Jesus has come and we're under the New Covenant, there's only *one* mediator between God and man—the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 2:5).

- D. God’s mercy has already been poured out to us through the Lord Jesus Christ—He’s no longer angry with us over sin.

III. Through sin and unbelief, we’re in the process of destroying ourselves.

- A. We’ve opened up doors to the devil, and he’s taking full advantage of it.
- B. There is a major difference between the Old and New Covenants.
- C. Since God has already placed upon His Son the judgment our sins deserved, we don’t have to be judged.
- D. Our country is perilously close to being destroyed—not because of God’s judgment but because of Satan’s inroads.
- E. When you yield yourself to the devil through sin, you become his defenseless servant—and he comes for no other purpose but to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

IV. Let’s take a closer look at when God judged Sodom and Gomorrah.

Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

Genesis 18:23-26

- A. Abraham negotiated with God all the way down to ten people.
- B. Without even factoring Jesus’ atonement into the equation and forgetting about the New Covenant—which most Christians tend to do anyway—this passage shows us that God won’t destroy a city or country if there are righteous people therein.
- C. Nobody’s country is living totally the way God wants it to, but there are righteous, born-again people now in every country of the world.

V. This whole pattern of Old Covenant intercession—begging God not to pour out His wrath and pleading with Him for mercy—doesn’t fit the New Testament reality.

- A. Most of the “spiritual warfare” and “intercession” stuff that people are promoting comes from the Old Covenant—taking Old Testament scriptures and teaching them as if Jesus Christ had never come.
- B. The truth is that Jesus Christ is the *only* New Testament mediator.

ONE MEDIATOR

Lesson 24 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Exodus 32:7-14, Moses told the Lord to turn from His fierce wrath and do what?
2. How did the Lord respond?
3. Who does 1 Timothy 2:5 reveal as the one New Testament mediator between God and man?
4. According to Galatians 3:19, why was the Law added?
5. Until whom should come?
6. John 10:10 shows us that Jesus has come so that we might have what more abundantly?
7. In Genesis 18:23-26, Abraham was negotiating with God over which city?
8. Lot was described as a just and _____ kind of man in 2 Peter 2:7-8.
9. What did he see and hear from day to day that vexed his righteous soul?

ONE MEDIATOR

Lesson 24 – Scriptures

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

Exodus 32:7-10

And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

Exodus 32:11-14

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 3:19

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

Genesis 18:23-26

And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)

2 Peter 2:7-8

THE BATTLE IS IN YOUR MIND

Lesson 25 – Outline

I. A New Testament believer praises God for what He's already done and offers oneself as a vessel for the Lord to work through.

A. The real focus needs to be on the way we think.

B. We must preach the Gospel.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?...So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:14-15 and 17

C. Faith for salvation, healing, and everything else comes by hearing the Word of God.

II. Numbers 16 is another Old Testament example that is often used to teach “spiritual warfare” and “intercession.”

A. People say, “You must stand in the gap, begging and pleading with God, for your loved ones to be saved, healed, or whatever.”

But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

Numbers 16:41-45

B. God was upset because the people had come against Moses and Aaron.

Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living;

and the plague was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

Numbers 16:46-49

III. Jesus is the only mediator now between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5).

- A. God placed His wrath over your sins upon Jesus, and all you must do is humble yourself and receive the forgiveness He offers as a free gift.
- B. He's already dealt with your sin through the atoning sacrifice of His Son.
- C. If you're trying to tell God to repent and have mercy, then you're trying to improve upon the work that the Lord Jesus Christ has already done.
- D. God's heart is already toward us because He loves us.

IV. God always backs up His truth with power (Mark 16:20).

- A. If Jesus needed proof that He was sent from God and speaking the truth, then we do too (John 10:38).
- B. We need to start sharing God's Word and demonstrating His supernatural power—then people will turn to the Lord.
- C. Some of the doctrines that are held most dear in the body of Christ today have been established by the devil (1 Tim. 4:1).
- D. Faith can't rise in someone's heart unless you share the truth with them.

Behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them...Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 5:14 and 23:29

- E. The Word says that people must be born again by the incorruptible seed of God's Word (1 Pet. 1:23).

THE BATTLE IS IN YOUR MIND

Lesson 25 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Romans 10:14-17, what comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God?
2. Numbers 26:10-11 says that the fire devoured how many men?
3. Whose children did not die?
4. Who fell on their faces in Numbers 16:41-45?
5. In Numbers 16:46-49, what did Moses tell Aaron to use to make an atonement for the people?
6. Whom did Aaron stand between?
7. Jesus said in John 10:38 to believe what?
8. So that we may know and believe that the Father is in Me and what?
9. According to 1 Timothy 4:1, what does the Spirit warn that some shall depart from in the latter times?
10. What will they give heed to instead?
11. What did God say His words in the mouth of the prophet in Jeremiah 5:14 would become?
12. What would be the wood that his words would devour?
13. In addition to fire, what is described as a hammer in Jeremiah 23:29?
14. What does that hammer break?

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Lesson 25 – Scriptures

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:14-17

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign. Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not.

Numbers 26:10-11

But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

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Numbers 16:46-49

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:20

But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

John 10:38

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

1 Timothy 4:1

Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Jeremiah 5:14

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 23:29

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23

FIGHT TO WIN!

Lesson 26 – Outline

I. Satan is fighting us with words and thoughts.

- A. The battle is right between your ears.
- B. Words based on and in line with the Word of God release life.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Proverbs 18:21

C. Words that are inconsistent with what God says minister death.

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:36-37

D. Every word you speak and every word you hear are either producing life or death.

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

1 Corinthians 15:33

E. I'm encouraging you to recognize life and death and to exercise more self-control in what you're choosing.

II. It's through the knowledge of God that grace and peace are multiplied unto us.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2

A. Satan knows this, which is why he battles us in our minds.

Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2

B. If you want to change from being something creepy, crawly, and earthbound into something beautiful that can fly, you need to renew your mind.

C. The way God operates through us is when we get our hearts and minds stayed upon Him.

D. Satan hinders God through our thoughts.

III. If you want to experience life and peace, you need to become spiritually minded.

To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

A. Being spiritually minded is being Word minded.

The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

B. It's thinking on what God has to say about your situation instead of what the world has to say.

C. In addition to protection, God's Word promises prosperity, healing, and deliverance (Is. 54:17 and Ps. 91:7-8).

D. Think properly and then you'll have grace, joy, life, and peace.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:3-4

E. The antidote to any problem is the knowledge of God, and the Word of God is the knowledge of God—it's God's thoughts.

IV. You can't be tempted with something you don't think.

Truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Hebrews 11:15

A. If you think on things that provide you with temptation, then an opportunity to sin will come. But if you refuse to think on things that generate temptation, you won't be tempted.

B. We are to be simple—ignorant—of evil (Rom. 16:19).

C. We need to quit exposing ourselves to all of the junk that Satan is offering through this world, and we need get to where all we do is think on God's Word.

FIGHT TO WIN!

Lesson 26 – Discipleship Questions

1. Proverbs 18:21 reveals that the tongue has what power?
2. What does 1 Corinthians 15:33 say corrupts good manners?
3. According to 2 Peter 1:2, how is grace and peace multiplied unto us?
4. As we prove God's will—make it manifest to our natural senses—Romans 12:2 tells us that we'll find it to be what?
5. According to John 6:63, what are spirit and life?
6. Isaiah 54:17 says that no weapon formed against us shall what?
7. This is the heritage of whom?
8. And our _____ is of Him.
9. Psalm 91:7-8 says that even though ten thousand may fall at _____, it shall not come nigh us.
10. Only with our eyes will we see what?
11. Through the knowledge of Him, 1 Peter 1:3-4 says that we are given exceeding great and precious what?
12. By them, we are partakers of what?
13. According to Romans 16:19, God would have us wise concerning what?
14. He would also have us simple concerning what?

FIGHT TO WIN!

Lesson 26 – Scriptures

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Matthew 12:36-37

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

1 Corinthians 15:33

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 54:17

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Psalms 91:7-8

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:3-4

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Proverbs 23:7

And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Hebrews 11:15

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

Romans 16:19