

December 18, 2022 Title: **Protect your House**

RECAP:

Impact people are committed to living in authentic community.

1. ISOLATION WAS NEVER GOD'S PLAN:

Genesis 2:18 "And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone.."

2. ISOLATION IS ROOTED IN SELFISHNESS

3. ISOLATION FOSTERS DECEPTION: Not all of your thoughts are your own.

Lee Strobel, in his book "God's Outrageous Claims", said that people today will admit any problem - drugs, divorce, alcoholism "but there's one admission that people are loath to make, whether they're a star on television or someone who fixes televisions in a repair shop. It's just too embarrassing. It penetrates too deeply to the core of who they are." "People don't want to admit that they are (sometimes) lonely."

He continues, "Loneliness is such a humiliating malady(disease) that it ought to have its own politically correct euphemism: 'relationally challenged.' Or its own telethon. Anything to make it safer to confess. Because right now it's a taboo, an affliction of losers and misfits. And - to be honest - of respectable people like you and me."

According to Los Angeles psychiatrist, Dr. Leonard Zunin, despite the fact that the average American meets as many people in one year as their ancestors met in a life time 100 years ago, loneliness is the main problem facing Americans today."

Author Thomas Wolfe said, "The whole conviction of my life now rests upon the belief that loneliness, far from being a rare and curious phenomenon, peculiar to myself and a few other solitary men, is the central and inevitable fact of human existence."

4. Isolation is resolved in Jesus

In Home Alone (1990), Old Man Marley has a Wound on his hand, when he meets with Kevin in the Church revealing to be a sweet

gentle man his wound only has a band aid, when he reunites with his son and his wife and kid his wound is healed, Symbolising old wounds can heal.

So Last week was about Isolation and restoration; this week is about Invasion

SLIDE OF HARRY THE DISGUISED COP
Don't be deceived by the disguise

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The fun of the movie is watching Kevin spoil the schemes of two hapless robbers seeking to fleece his home. He comically sabotages their designs, using the simple things around the house as boobytraps.

Ephesians 6:10-11 Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
“take your stand against the devils schemes”
Scheme comes from the Greek word METHODEIA means to journey behind, to study, craft.

Paul says that God will give us “**power**” to cause us to “**stand against the wiles of the devil.**” The word “**wiles**” speaks of “**scheming tricks.**” It is the word that gives us the word “**methods;**” Satan’s “**methods**” and to use “**tricks and schemes**” to deceive the people of God.

The word was used to speak of “**a wild animal that silently, cunningly stalks its prey and then unexpectedly pounces on it, devouring it.**” We will say more about Satan and his schemes in a few minutes. For now, just remember that Satan has always been, and always will be a “**scheming trickster.**” Remember that he has a plan to trick you.

Our Strength Comes from a Person - "***Be strong in the Lord***" - The word "***strong***" means "***to be empowered; to be strengthened.***" It was used to speak of "***a deathbed patient recovering from an illness.***" It is the picture of someone who is "***weak being made strong.***"

Our Strength Comes from a Provision - "***In the power of His might***"
The word "***power***" refers to "***dominion.***" It speaks of the power to "***complete and perfect***" something. The word "***might***" has the idea of "***force and strength.***" It speaks of someone who possesses "***absolute ability.***"

These two words describe the kind of power we need if we are going to experience victory in the spiritual battles we face.

That is our enemy. He is ancient. He is powerful. He is deceptive. He is experienced. He has been attacking, deceiving, and defeating the people of God since he tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He has had over 6,000 years of practice, and he knows what he is doing. I am not giving him any glory; I am simply telling the truth about our enemy.

Philippians 1:28 NLT

²⁸ Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself.

Don't be intimidated or influenced by anything contrary and contradictive to the word of God.

Mr. Marley came with a shovel and smacked the robbers

Kevin: "This is my house and I have to defend it"
Sometimes you have to tell the devil he is picking on the wrong person today.

The incarnation is the introduction of a cosmic collision of 2 Kingdoms

1 John 3:8 “For this purpose the Son of Man was manifest, to destroy the works of the devil.” The incarnation is that God entered this world through the womb of Mary, became flesh and lived along his creation. He came to bring into restoration everything that the devil stole and bring it back unto the headship of God.

I will say this until I die...If you are not already with Jesus, you are stolen property waiting to be restored back to your rightful owner.

Christmas is a reminder of Victory! Christmas was round 1 of the ultimate battle to reclaim the title.

Luke 4:18 New Living Translation

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free

Christmas is a compound word! Christ the anointing collided with the MASS of humanity resulting in a complete and absolute transformation.

Acts 10:38 New Living Translation

³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him

61x in the Gospels Jesus deals with the devil

Mark 16:17 New Living Translation

¹⁷ These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages

Mark 5:1-20 New King James Version

A Demon-Possessed Man Healed

5 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the ^[a]Gadarenes. ² And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³ who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind ^[b]him, not even with chains, ⁴ because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷ And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore^[c] You by God that You do not torment me." ⁸ For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" ⁹ Then He asked him, "What *is* your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name *is* Legion; for we are many. (LEGION6000)" ¹⁰ Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

Even if you have 6000 demons controlling your body, you still have something in you crying for freedom!

¹¹ Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. ¹² So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." ¹³ And ^[d]at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea and drowned in the sea.

3 demons per pig . First church picnic where they served, DEVILED HAM

Mark 1:39 New King James Version

³⁹ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons

Luke 11:14 ¹⁴ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled

Matthew 8:16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

Matthew 10: 1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

8. Heal the sick, ^[a]cleanse the lepers, ^[b]raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give

You don't earn the power to cast out devils, it comes with the salvation package! You don't need a special impartation, school or conference to go to. If we would just be students of the word instead of students of a popular preacher, things may not be so confusing. GO DO THE BIBLE!!

1. There are demons
2. They really can influence us
3. Jesus has set us free
4. Our most effective weapon is.....

C.S.Lewis Screwtape Letters

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them."

Jack Hayford "You can't cast out the flesh and you can't disciple a demon"

We need both: Discipleship and deliverance

Not every act of disobedience is a demon. Not every disease or sickness is a demon. YOUR JUST SICK!!

Matthew 12:22 ²² Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the ^[a]blind and mute man both spoke and saw

Damonizomai- DI MO NEAT SO MY :to have or be vexed by a demon. Does not denote ownership. Where we get the phrase demon possessed.

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Use your authority to arrest your thoughts and hold them in a prison cell!

Can light dwell in darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? NLT

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Ephesians 5:8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So **live as people of light!**

Ephesians 4:27 “ Do not give a **place** (foothold) to the devil”

TOPOS: place, any portion or space, marked off, opportunity, power or occasion for acting.

Walk in it, live in it, experience it, breath it in and out, walk it out, run it out!
 How many of you know people who make a living but don't have a life?
 How many of you know people who go to church, but you can't tell they are disciples of Christ?

The _____ is in the pudding! That's why we will be replacing the wafer from communion with pudding! LOL

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

The enemies 3 steps of attack
 DECEPTION: Lies, vain imaginations
 TEMPTATION: follows deception
 ACCUSATION: rubs it into your face

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John 8:32 You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free

It is not a power struggle as much as it is a TRUTH struggle.
 Knowing *about* truth doesn't set you free! KNOWING the truth (JESUS) is what sets you free.

You can't discipline or debate with a devil, you must use your authority.

Galatians 5:1 "So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law."

Good News!!! If you are experiencing any form of bondage ... Jesus sets you completely free!!!

Luke 10:17-20 "Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents

and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Best method of Deliverance Ministry!!!

1 John 4:18

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.”

1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:8 “But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way ... Love never fails.”

Our most powerful weapon against the enemy ... LOVE!!!

Ephesians 4:15 “Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”

Never minister without the motivation of love ... not some power trip ... PEOPLE want dignity and freedom!!!

Conclusion: Whenever you feel like you are home alone, you are not. Jesus is not only alongside you but in you. Don't ever let anyone who acts like this or looks like this steal the joy of Christmas.