

Sermon Notes

Title: Sixth Sense

Text: Colossians 2:15: *“He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”*

Target: We do not fight FOR victory over satan, but we fight FROM Victory over satan.

I. Recognize the Reality of Satan & Demons

A. Origination of our Enemy

1. **A Created Being:** *On the day you were created...you were an anointed guardian cherub, I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God;”* (Ezek. 28:13-14) ***Not Equal/Not Omni**
2. **A Cursed Reality:** *“Your heart was proud because of your beauty, you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor, I cast you to the ground.”* (Ezekiel 28:17, Luke 10:18, Isaiah 14:13-14)

B. Organization of our Enemy:

1. **Structure:** *“rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness...”* (Ephesians 6:12, Colossians 1:16), *. 1/3 of the angels become demons (Revelation 12:9)
2. **Sphere:** *“against the spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places.”* (Ephesians 6:12) *“prince of the power of the air”* (Ephesians 2:2)

C. Orchestration of our Enemy:

1. **Strategy:** *Did God surely say?* (Genesis 3:1)
 - a) **Isolation from the Presence of God**
 - b) **Prevention of the Blessing of God:** (Eph. 1:3, 2:6)
2. **Schemes:** *“...that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”* (Ephesians 6:11)
 - a) **Desire:** *“but each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.”* (James 1:14)
 - b) **Deception:** *“Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”* (2 Corinthians 11:14)
 - c) **Devastation:** *“Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”* (1 Peter 5:8)

II. Realize our Authority over Satan & Demons:

A. Prophetic Victory: *“the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur”* (Revelation 20:10)

1. **Begins In the Garden:** *“He shall crush your head”* (Gen. 3:15)
2. **Victory won in the Garden:** *“God of peace will soon crush Satan underneath your feet.”* (Romans 16:20)

B. Kingdom Identity: *“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son.”* (Colossians 1:13)

1. **Atonement & Righteousness:** (Exodus 12:13, John 19:30)

2. **Adoption & Joint Heirs:** *“Spirit of adoption...heirs with Christ.”*
(Romans 8:15, 17)
 3. **Advocate/Mediator/Intercessor:** *“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ”*
(Romans 13:14, 1 John 2:1, Hebrews 7:25)
- C. Supernatural Reality:** *“be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.”*
(Ephesians 6:10)
1. **Presence of the Holy Spirit: (1 Cor. 6:19, Eph. 1:19-20)** *Possession vs. Oppression/ Armor of God Available
 2. **Power of the Holy Spirit:**
 - a) **Righteous Resistance:** *“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”* (James 4:7)
 - b) **Pulling down Strongholds:** *“...have divine power to destroy strongholds.”* (2 Corinthians 10:4)
 - (1) **Pattern of unrighteousness:** (Ex. 20:5-Generational Curses)
 - (2) **Preventing Freedom:** (Luke 13:11-12-Disabling Spirits)
- D. Living Dangerously:** *“I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”* (Acts 19:13-16)
1. **Praying Effectively:** *“praying at all times in the Spirit”* (Ephesians 6:18)
 2. **Believing Expectantly:** *“What is this? A new teaching with authority, He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”* (Mark 1:27, Luke 10:17)
 3. **Worshipping Engagingly:** (Isaiah 30:32)
 4. **Testifying Emphatically:** (Revelation 12:10-11)
 - a) **The Word of God:** (Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 4:4)
 - b) **The Word of your Testimony:** *“death and life are in the power of the tongue.”* (Proverbs 18:21)

Takeaway: Defeated is not who you are when your Savior is undefeated.

Key Things to Remember for Your Community Group Time

1. Pray before your group meets and ask God to direct the conversation, that He will give you the words He wants you to say, and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group.
2. Not every group will have questions, concerns, or comments about each week's sermon, so be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. (And encourage the group to listen to the entirety of Pastor Ed's message prior to your meeting. That will help remove any possible confusion on the topic and what was said.)
3. Remember to be sure and listen to the person with the question, concern, or comment.

4. Ask good & clarifying open-ended questions to see if they can or will share the story behind their thoughts. The more you know about the story, the better your approach can be to answering.
5. Always and accurately use bible verses that take into account the whole heart of God.
6. Remember it is ok if we don't all see things the same way. The important thing is to listen, respect, and honor one another with the conversation.
7. It is ok to say you do not know the answer to the question. Appropriate responses are, "Let's set up a time and look through bible verses together to find the answer." Another response "That is great. Let me get with one of our CBC Pastors and get back to you on the answer."
8. It is not our job to change someone else's mind, but rather to talk through the situation and the truth from God's Word and let the Holy Spirit lead each person.
9. Utilize the resources listed below if someone needs help beyond what your group can provide.

Discussion Questions:

1. We heard in this week's sermon that one of the tactics of Satan is to isolate each one of us like a wolf would isolate a lamb. How, then, do you/we combat this isolation tactic? What measures do you have in place to help yourself and others against this attack?
2. Pastor Ed spoke about the dangers of dabbling in the demonic or inviting the occult into our homes and our lives by our activities, our practices, and our words. What are ways that we can do the opposite?
3. Instead of spending our time dangerously dabbling in the demonic, Paul gives us great advice on how to better spend our energy and time. Read Philippians 4:8-9. Share some Godly examples of things we can think on to help reshape our minds and our practices.
4. Read Ephesians 6:10-20 together as a group. Pastor Ed spoke about living a life of boldness and courage as we walk faithfully with the Lord in what *we know* is a *spiritual* battle. What are things you can do today to live-out Paul's command to put on the full armor of God?

Additional Resources:

CBC Care & Support (210-253-5971)

- **CBC Care & Support:** [website](#)
- **Professional Counseling Referrals:** [list here](#)
- **The Landing (CBC Care Ministry for Students):** [website](#). A student ministry geared towards Jr. High and HS age students. The Landing provides a safe place for our students to process life and the struggles that accompany it, provide tools to help them live emotionally and spiritually healthy lives, and point them towards the freedom found in Jesus Christ.
- **Jeanie Postell** - C&S Pastor and Director, Staff counselor, 210-477-1748 or jeanie.postell@cbc.email
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