



Week 4 – Your Foes

Announcements

301 Biblical Foundations – Beginning Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm. This 10-week class will give you the foundation you need to live the life God has designed for you. You can register at www.churchoftheking.com/register -- childcare is available.

Warm-up

Do you like surprises? Why or why not?

We should not be surprised when we face challenges in life because we have a real enemy, Satan who wants to destroy our lives. We should be aware we have a loving God who is for us and has great plans for our lives.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

In today’s discussion we will discuss how God will give us victory over the strategies of our enemy.

Word & Application

Read John 10:10. According to this verse, what is the role of our enemy, Satan?

Satan and his demons desire to destroy our lives by attempting to inflict suffering, pull us away from God and instill fear in our lives. We can have confidence in God because of what He promises us in the second part of **John 10:10**, *“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”*

How can God’s promise in John 10:10 help instill confidence in people as they face challenges in life?

Read Romans 8:31-39. According to these verses, what is God’s promise to us if we follow Him?

We are promised that despite our enemy’s attempts, nothing will be able to separate us from God. This is because of the redemption we have through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

In order to have the victory we are promised we need to know the following three things:

1) **Never treat our enemy lightly**

Read Jude 1:9. What stands out to you about the last sentence in this verse? (*“The Lord rebuke you.”*)

We have a real enemy, who has real power and we must recognize our victory comes from our dependence on God.

2) Don't flirt with darkness

Read Deuteronomy 18:10-12. What do these verses tell us about our involvement in spiritually dark practices?

We need to distance ourselves from spiritually dark practices. If you have a history with these types of behaviors you need to repent and ask God to remove any spiritual darkness from your life.

3) Don't rely on your power, but on God's authority

Read Matthew 10:1. We are guaranteed victory in our spiritual war, but we must put our trust in God. It is not our strength, but His strength, which gives us the victory.

How can you increase your dependence on God? How will your increased dependence on God impact your life and the lives of those you influence?

Prayer

Pray for everyone in your group to grow in their dependence on God so they can walk in victory over our enemy. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.