

Humility in relationships as Spiritual Warfare, September 12-15

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

FROM SUNDAY

- ➔ **ASSIGNMENTS:** daily, ask God to show you where you are blind or deceived and for God to reveal, open the truth. Where you think you still have a back left pocket – worldview, how ingrained this is.
- ➔ **ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT:** reveal to me the **relationships** where I am not fighting in love
- ➔ **CHALLENGE:** New Song family, we have to start doing, speaking the truth in love more - that is humility, how we kick devil in teeth in humility

WELCOME, God to me: “Fight for New Songers.”

“Not about you.”

“Pray thru directory...”

1. Speak God’s blessings, God’s will over them w/ Jesus’ authority
2. Speak God’s words to the dark powers – you’ve been hesitant/afraid to do that”

1 Peter 5:8 (ESV) Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

James 4:7 (ESV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Devil is real, he is trying to destroy, and we are to fight, but flees when faced with God’s Presence in and through us because it is more powerful than him

COMMUNION

Dark Tuesday... satanic oppression... a fight that God guided through others, communion, perseverance... ground gained – 1 Peter 5:8, James 4:7

Instruction “to resist” means devil is real, he is trying to destroy, and we are to fight with guarantee we will win through God’s Presence acting in Jesus’ authority.

BACK LEFT POCKET STORY – how ingrained what we believe about following Christ is not quite right and that we don’t know what we don’t know that it isn’t right, and things that we know that are wrong.

What do we think we know that we don’t know? SURRENDER, HUMILITY

➔ **ASSIGNMENT:** daily, ask God to show you where you are blind or deceived and for God to reveal, open up the truth. Where you think you still have a back left pocket – worldview, how ingrained this is.

Spiritual example: times when I subconsciously believe God is not big enough, we are not able – we pull back

➔ **ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT:** reveal to me the **relationships** where I am not fighting in love

Relationships primary battleground, then relationships have to be the primary focus

One of the hardest parts of humility in relationships is to receive correction, rebuke in places we are not doing well.

Often we want agreement, confirmation, sympathy, encouragement when we most need to be confronted!

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DAVID, a man after God’s own heart, gave into subtle pride that grew

The devil only has the power we allow, but he is subtle and strategic. We are vulnerable when we are not alert, recognizing his schemes and actively resisting in small ways as well as obvious battles

James 1:13–15 (ESV) ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

2 Samuel 11:1–12:15 (ESV)

vs. 1-2 Subtle disobedience – not doing what he should have been, in a place he should not have been
Did not turn away

vs. 3 Kept thinking, talking about the temptation which lured him away from God and into sin

vs. 4 Sin blinded David and pride led him to sin more instead of humbly confessing and repenting

vs.5-27 Tried to cover up by bringing Uriah home
Worse, killed Uriah who had integrity
Took Bathsheba as another wife

vs. 27b **But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.**
All the while living disconnected with God and didn't recognize it
David's subjects watched and knew – brought disgrace to David and God

Chapter 12:

¹And the Lord sent Nathan to David.

QUESTION: how does God most often confront, rebuke, correct us? **Through others.**

APPLICATION: Herb's observation: doing so is one of the hardest things for us to do with each other. Yet it is THE key to becoming like Christ

Ephesians 4:15 (ESV) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

1 Timothy 5:20 (ESV) As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.

2 Timothy 4:2 (ESV) preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Titus 2:15 (ESV) Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Nathan rebuked with skill, speaking the truth in love, led by the Holy Spirit

Nathan's focus was to obey God, speak the truth in love so that David would confess and repent, NOT as a finger in the face scolding and condemning.

APPLICATION: one of the big reasons we struggle is because of bad experiences on both sides of being confronted

vs. 1b-5a – David was **living disconnected with God and didn't recognize it**
NOTE how blind David was. Why?

vs. 7-9a – Conviction delivered

vs. 13-15 - David's response

APPLICATION: the assignments and challenge from Sunday...

David models the deep broken humility and repentance we must have in Psalm 51

Psalm 51 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Takeaways...