

Door 11: A Moment of Weakness

1 Corinthians 6:18 “Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things that are done . . . in secret” (5:11-12). Though all sin is wrong in the eyes of God, there are some sins that have a greater impact on us as believers. For example, immorality has a far-reaching effect. Once we accept Christ as our Savior, we become temples of the Holy Spirit. When we sin, we sin against the temple of God.

Weakness is an opportunity for God to work powerfully in our lives. Even when our flesh and heart fail us, He is the strength of our heart **Psalms 73-26**. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. As we reflect on the areas of our lives where we know we are weak, in whatever capacity that is, may we look to Jesus and ponder how He works through our weaknesses for His glory.

If you open all of the windows in your house, it is not surprising when insects and pests like flies, mosquitos, or even mice come in. The door has been opened to them and the access has been granted.

Ephesians 4:27 reminds us, “don’t give place to the devil.”

Demons act similarly to flies in that they’ll come right into a life when a “door” has been opened through sin. That is why we must heed the Word of God and not give any leeway through sin or small compromises.

In John 14:30, Jesus explains “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.” In other words, Jesus was explaining that the devil didn’t have access to Him – nothing in Him or on Him. The access was denied!

As Christians, we are supposed to follow Jesus’ example and live as the Lord did – holy.

Each deliverance case is different, but one thing is true: demons’ dwell where access is given.

These moments when you feel like you have had enough and snap, may be used by the enemy as an open door. The person may become uncontrollable, unrecognizable, and difficult to be around by loved ones. Satan exploits weak places and weak moments, so that he can gain control and mastery of a particular area of that person’s life.

he short answer – Live pure. Keep your ears and eyes pure. By keeping the gates and the doors of your life closed to the “flies” you will be able to live a life that is holy and

sanctified, controlling your vessel in honor and sanctification, and bringing the most glory to God.

If you are battling with demonic spirits, identify the open door, repent, and renounce it.

Seek deliverance from God.

Paul quotes Jesus who said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." God is perfect in every way, giving Him the power to make up for any weaknesses we have.

Keep watch and guard over weak areas of your life, A good soldier knows how to fight and obeys his commanding officer. A great soldier obeys and fights, but he/she is and does so much more: he knows how to find his opponent's weakness, and how to fight to the end with resolute determination. This great soldier responds and acts quickly, and works well with his fellow soldiers, because his intense training has served him well. What he doesn't do is take valuable time to play around with or tease the enemy. That could cost him or others their lives. This soldier's mission must be carried out swiftly, efficiently, and completely.

Our common enemy does not fight like our soldiers are trained to do. As the commanding officer and General of his legions, Satan instructs his demonic force to infiltrate our ranks quietly, and work slowly among us, with cunning and devious ways. He even takes delight in toying with us by using our weaknesses against us. He knows that if he can get us to submit to our own weakness, then he has a tighter grip on our lives, making it more difficult for us to listen and respond to our commander, the Lord Jesus. When we fail ourselves by giving in to temptation, we succumb to guilt, and tend to distance ourselves from God. It is not God distancing himself from us. Our enemy knows how to penetrate our lives because he knows our vulnerabilities.

When you feel weak, and your flesh is tempted, get alone with the Lord, do not step out of this place until you know that God is in control and understand that your place is to remain still and trust him. Here is the thing: Satan is not the only one who knows our weaknesses. God does as well. Though Satan toys with us in those areas that we struggle with in our Christian walk, the Lord goes the opposite route. He asks us as his soldiers to trust and obey his commands of fleeing those passions and turn to Him to be our strength. When you first feel that urge to cheat, lie, or be selfish, remember who has overcome these things, and ask Jesus to give you the determination. DO NOT DELAY, but act immediately, swiftly, with determination to conquer this enemy and his hatred for you.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

If you are weighed down by things you have done in the past, whether it was harmful to you or to others, or whether man has forgiven you or not, please know that without a doubt you can turn all of that burden over to Jesus at all cost, make right acknowledge your wrong before God and man find true repentance in the situation. If He can forgive you, and He certainly will, then you need to forgive yourself. You are not greater than He, so if He can do it, you can too. If you do not forgive yourself, then that weight is another stronghold that Satan has on you! He will continue to remind you of your sins, which will keep you in bondage to them. Break free!!! Do not let him toy with you any more. You are a great soldier of Jesus Christ, and you answer to Him.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full Armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. “

Ephesians 6:10-12

Lord Jesus, thank you for withstanding what the evil one put you through. You have set an example for me, and with your help, I can be an overcomer of temptations. Remind me when the going gets tough that I have your Holy Spirit living in me, and that He will remind me that you are my strength, and that you have given me the weapons to fight against the evil one. I submit to you as my General, my High Priest, my King, my Savior and as the Living God. I will strive to be a great soldier in your service, to live for you by serving and loving others, so that my missions in this life be completed swiftly, efficiently and completely.

May your name be praised, in Jesus Name!