



## Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: From Chains to Champions (Forces of Darkness pt 3)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

### Prayer

*"Father, open my eyes to see your truth in this message and in my life. Cause me to see your peace in my life, and to be aware of the areas the enemy is trying to keep me in bondage. Encourage me and strengthen me to walk with you in your power and peace every moment of everyday. Thank you for the love you have for me that nothing can ever separate me from, in Jesus' name! Amen."*

### Message Theme

Find Peace

### Key Truths

#### **We have to know what to look out for.**

As believers, we don't want to live as if the devil doesn't exist. We have to stay aware of him so we can stand up to him. The last time the devil fled from us was the last time we resisted him. Matthew 12:28 tells us, dealing with satan and demon power is part of the kingdom of God.

#### **When Jesus went to the cross, he didn't just set himself free, he set us free too.**

Now we get to live our lives demonstrating our freedom and the enemy's defeat. Defeating the enemy is a small part of our job. Our purpose is to deliver the kingdom, we just deal with the enemy as we go.

#### **The first sign of demonic action is a withdrawal from social interaction.**

More signs are a tormented mental state, chronic depression, irrational fear and phobias, compulsive behavior, unclean desires and lude behavior. A demon will try to make someone what it is. If it is a compulsive spirit, it will try to make the person overwhelmed with compulsive behavior. In Mark 5:5 we are told that the man possessed by demons was *always* crying out. He was constantly trying to fulfill something on the inside. This story is an example of a demonic power trying to make the man what it was.

#### **The most important thing to remember:**

Jesus came in a flesh and blood body to redeem us and we can only receive what he did while we are in our flesh and blood body. The fact is, demons can't be saved because they don't live in a flesh and blood body and we can only be saved as long as we do live in one.

## Practical Application

Truths to keep in mind this week:

1. Jesus came to give us peace.
2. We love every sinner no matter what the sin is, but we have to be able to speak the truth.

## Reference Verses

- 2 Corinthians 2:11, 4:4
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- Matthew 12:28, 8:16,
- Colossians 2:15
- 1 John 5:19
- Mark 5:1-20
- Proverbs 7:9-13
- John 14:27
- 1 Timothy 4:2
- Romans 1:26-28
- Genesis 6:2-4, 1:2
- Jude 1:6-7
- 1 Peter 3:19
- Isaiah 45:18
- Hebrews 2:14
- Luke 8:29

## Declarations (To be spoken out loud)

*“The devil is a defeated foe. He only has access to my life if I open a door or give him permission. God sent Jesus to the cross not just for other people but also for me. Jesus had me in mind. When I said yes to God I became a new creation.”*

## What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

## Scripture References

### From Chains to Champions

**2 Corinthians 2:11 NKJV** ...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

**1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

**Matthew 12:28 NKJV** But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Colossians 2:15 DEANNE** He set Himself and us free from all the spirit powers of evil on the cross...

**Colossians 2:15 LOVETT** He openly displayed Jesus' triumph over satan, disarming him and his entire band of spirits down to the last demon.

**Matthew 8:16 NKJV** 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,

**1 John 5:19 AMPC** We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

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**Proverbs 7:10-12 NKJV** And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home. At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.

**John 14:27 NKJV** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you...

**Matthew 28:19 NKJV** ...make disciples of all the nations...

**Romans 1:26-28 NKJV** For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful...God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting...

**Romans 1:26-27 MSG** Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either—women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men—all lust, no love.

**Romans 1:28 MSG** Since they didn't bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose.

**Genesis 6:2-4 NKJV** ...that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came into the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

**Genesis 6:2-4 MOFFATT** It was in these days that the nephilim giants arose on earth, as well as afterwards whenever angels had intercourse with the daughters of men and had children born to them; these were the heroes who were famous in the days of old.

**Jude 6 NKJV** And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day...

**1 Peter 3:19-20 NKJV** ...by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

**Jude 7 NKJV** ...as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

**Genesis 1:1-2 NKJV** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**Isaiah 45:18 NKJV** For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited...

**Genesis 6:2-4 NKJV** ...that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

**Hebrews 2:14 NKJV** Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same...

**Ecclesiastes 11:3 NKJV** ...where the tree falls, there it shall lie.

**Luke 8:29 NKJV** For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him...and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.