



# DISARMING DARKNESS

Course Guide





# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 1

*God Has NO Rival*

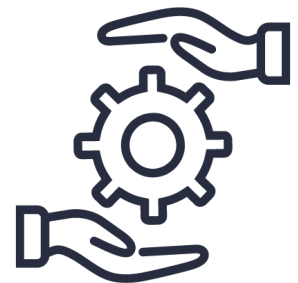


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. Does God have a rival? If so, who is it?
2. What are the characteristics of God?
3. How are God and Satan different?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

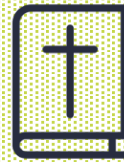
1. When under spiritual attack, ask yourself, is this situation bigger than God? Is my attacker more powerful than my defender?
2. Focus on the fact that Christ has already disarmed the workers of darkness and is always working on our behalf.
3. Remind the workers of darkness of their inferior position.



### THINGS TO PRAY

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that you are Holy and set apart, that there is none like you. You have no equal, no rival and none of your plans can be thwarted. We call on you because you are faithful and just, and we ask that you guard our hearts and minds as we go through each day. Father, help us to remember that only You are ever-present, all-knowing, all-powerful, and unchangeable. Father, fill us with knowledge and wisdom of who you are and to remind us that our enemy is subject to you. We pray all of this in the name, the power, and the authority of Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God.

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**Psalm 139:7-8** – Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**Psalm 23:4** – Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**Matthew 28:20** – And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Joshua 1:9** – Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

**Psalm 139:1-4** – You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

**Psalm 139:16** – all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**Job 42:1-2** – Then Job replied to the Lord: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

**Matthew 19:26** – Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

**Malachi 3:6** – I the Lord do not change.

**James 1:17** – Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

**Hebrews 13:8** – Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



## GOD IS OMNIPRESENT

- Our Heavenly Father is ever-present and always near to us
- He is with us wherever we go (Joshua 1:9)
- Jesus will be with us to the end of the ages (Matthew 28:20)

## GOD IS OMNISCIENT

- God knows the hearts of all (1 Kings 8:39)
- Our heavenly Father knows all our thoughts (Psalm 139:1-4)
- God knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10)

## OUR ENEMY IS NOT EVER-PRESENT

- Satan can only be one place at one time (Job 1:6-7)
- Demonic forces can only be at one place at one time (Mark 5:10)

## OUR ENEMY IS NOT ALL-KNOWING

- Our enemies have studied us for a long time, but they do not know our thoughts
- Our enemies know our tendencies, but they cannot read our minds

## GOD IS OMNIPOTENT

- Nothing is too hard for God (Genesis 18:14)
- God can do everything and none of His plans can be thwarted (Job 42:2)
- God can do ALL things (Matthew 19:26)

## GOD IS IMMUTABLE

- Our Father does not change (Malachi 3:6)
- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8)
- God does not shift like shadows (James 1:17)

## OUR ENEMY IS NOT ALL-POWERFUL

- Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, so his plans are not all powerful (1 John 3:8)
- Our enemy was defeated by the works of Christ on the cross (Colossians 2:14-15)

## OUR ENEMY IS NOT IMMUTABLE

- Satan will transform himself so he can appear to be an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14)
- One thing will not change, our enemy is out to lead the whole world astray (Revelation 12:9)





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## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 2

*Unpacking the Devil's Playbook*

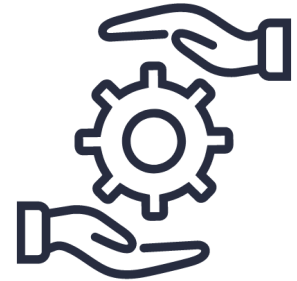


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. What is the enemy's main focus?
2. How does the enemy work to rob us of our relationship with the Father?
3. How do we disarm the devil's playbook?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. Ask Holy Spirit to reveal any lies darkness has spoken over you that you have believed and hand them over to the Truth – Jesus
2. Take the accusations spoken over you by darkness to Christ in the heavenly realms so He can exonerate you.
3. Repent for any of the ways you've allowed darkness to lead you astray and return back to the Way.

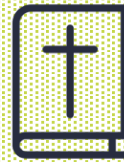


### THINGS TO PRAY



Heavenly Father, we come to you and confess for the ways we have participated with the kingdom of darkness and have allowed them to steal us away from you, and for that we repent. Father, we acknowledge that we have agreed with some of the accusations the devil has made over our lives, and we ask that you cancel them from our hearts, minds, and souls. Father, forgive us for the times we exchanged the truth about You for the lies our enemy spoke about you. Father, show us the true identity of Christ so that we may not depart from Him. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives to intercede for us!

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**John 10:10** – The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**John 14:6** – Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**John 8:32** – Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

**John 8:44** – You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

**1 Corinthians 6:20** – For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

**Colossians 1:13** – For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

**Revelation 12:10** – “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

**Romans 8:34** – *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

**Hebrews 7:25** – Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**Romans 5:18** – Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.



# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



## OUR ENEMY WANTS TO...

**STEAL** – our identity in God  
**KILL** – our worship of God  
**DESTROY** – our relationship with God

## JESUS CAME TO...

**BUY** us with his sacrifice (1 Cor. 6:20)  
Give us abundant **LIFE** (John 10:10)  
**REDEEM** and restore us (Col. 1:13-14)

## SATAN IS...

The Father of **LIES** (John 8:44)  
and the truth is not in him

## JESUS IS...

The way, the **TRUTH**, and the life (John 14:6)  
And the **TRUTH** will set you free (John 8:32)

## SATAN IS...

A **MURDERER** (John 8:44)  
and has been since the beginning of time

## JESUS IS...

The way, the truth, and the **LIFE** (John 14:6)  
and He gives us abundant **LIFE** (John 10:10)

## SATAN IS...

Our Great **ACCUSER** (Revelation 12:10)  
He longs to **oppose us** before God (Zech. 3:1)  
Day and night, he **accuses us** before God

## JESUS IS...

Our Great **ADVOCATE**  
He **INTERCEDES** for us at God's side (Rom. 8:34)  
He lives to **INTERCEDE** for us (Hebrews 7:25)

## SATAN WANTS TO...

Lead the whole world **ASTRAY** (Revelation 12:9)  
He is the great **DECEIVER** of the world

## JESUS CAME TO...

Be the **GOOD SHEPHERD** (John 10:11-18)  
and He **LEADS** us to the Father (John 14:6)



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## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 3

*Standing Against the Enemy*

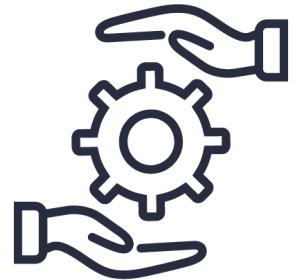


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. What does it mean to stand against the enemy and how do we do this?
2. How does submitting to God protect us from the enemy?
3. What are some accusations that Satan has made about you?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. In all things, ask yourself, “Am I surrendering to God or am I trying to do it my way?”
2. When the enemy attacks, ask yourself, “Am I being watchful and alert for what’s coming? Am I being sober minded, or calm?”
3. When our adversary presents his case against you, take those accusations to Christ, and ask him to free you of all claims.



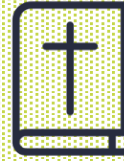
### THINGS TO PRAY



Heavenly Father, we confess that there are times when we fight the enemy in our flesh, and we give into to his schemes. Father, forgive us for the times we accepted the claims of our accuser more than we accepted your mercy, grace, and truth. Father, we cancel all word curses and false accusations spoken over us by the enemy and we ask that you strike every claim he has made against us in your book of life. Father, help us to submit to your ways and to fall in line with your orders. We ask all this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, who by his work on the cross has disarmed the workers of darkness!



# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**1 Peter 5:8** – Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**1 Peter 5:9** – Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

**James 4:7** – Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**Colossians 2:14** – He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation.

**Colossians 2:15** – Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his!

**Exodus 14:14** – The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

**Luke 4:18** – The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

**1 Peter 1:13** –Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

**1 Peter 4:7** –The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



**1 Peter 5:8-9** – 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, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Be SOBER

νήφω  
néphó

In Greek this word would mean to be calm and collected, free from the influence of sin, to have presence of mind, to make a clear judgment, or to be of a rational mind. *When fighting our enemy, it is very important that we maintain a level head and to be still, or calm in the battle.*

Be VIGILANT

γρηγορέω  
grégoréó

In Greek this word would mean to be awake and watchful, to be on guard, attentive, to be on the lookout – especially when we sense that danger is present. *When we are vigilant, we are spiritually alert, and we take notice of the battle before it comes our way.*

Our ADVERSARY

ἀντίδικος  
antidikos

In Greek “anti” means against and “dike” means justice or judge. This word was used to describe a prosecuting attorney who would present his case before the judge. *Satan wants to bring a lawsuit against every believer, so we have to take his accusations to the Truth (Christ) to be exonerated.*

The DEVIL

διάβολος  
diabolos

In Greek this word means a slanderer or false accuser. The devil wants to strike, and strike, and strike at our character by slandering us before the Father, day, and night. *In verse 9, Peter says, “Resist him.” We must resist the urge to believe his accusations and stand on the Truth.*

RESIST him

ἀνθίστημι  
anthistémi

In Greek “anti” means against and “histémi” means to take a stand. This word means to take a stand against the enemy, to strategically oppose him, in a planned and orderly resistance. *Much like Christ in the wilderness, we need a planned resistance where we adhere to God’s truth, not Satan’s lies.*

STEADFAST

στερεός  
stereos

In Greek this means to be bolstered or reinforced by our faith. This isn’t something that we build as our own defense, rather our defense comes by Faith in God, and with Christ, we are reinforced. *When battling our adversary, we must rely on Who GOD is in our battle, and to fall in line with him.*





# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 4

*Tearing Down Strongholds*

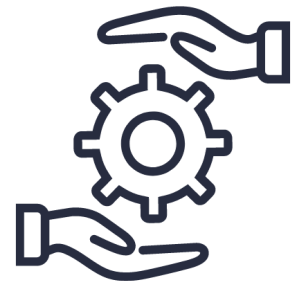


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. What is a stronghold and how do they affect our lives?
2. How do we tear down these strongholds?
3. What is something that you are believing about yourself right now that sets itself up against the truth of God?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any lies you are believing about yourself right now.
2. Take the thoughts about yourself that do not agree with God's truth and make them obedient to Jesus Christ.
3. Confess how these things have caused a breach in your relationship with God.

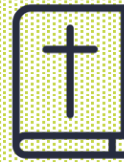


### THINGS TO PRAY



Heavenly Father, we confess that we have believed the lies that our enemy has presented to us, and we take those lies and make them obedient to the Way, the Truth, and the Life – which is Jesus Christ. Father we declare that everything in the kingdom of darkness sets itself up against you, and we demolish these strongholds in our lives, and we ask that you plant your truth deep inside our souls. Your word says that “you desire truth in our inmost being,” and we ask that you replace all of the lies of the enemy in our lives with your unflawed truth. Father, we confess all strongholds to you and ask in the name of Jesus that you would forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**2 Corinthians 10:4-5** – For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds. Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

**Romans 1:24-25** – Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

**Matthew 23:25-26** – “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

**1 John 1:9** – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Psalms 51:6** – Behold, You desire truth in my inmost being, And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.

**Jeremiah 23:29** – Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that smashes a rock?”

**1 Peter 1:14-16** – As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

**Jeremiah 4:14** – O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



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## WHAT IS A STRONGHOLD?

A stronghold is a strong walled fortress, it is a lying emotion or belief, and we become a prisoner to false beliefs we hold against ourselves. Sometimes the fortress is so thick that we cannot even hear the truth because we have built for ourselves a walled fortress that won't allow the truth to penetrate. It is a well defended lie. The enemy speaks lies and oppresses us until we believe it.

## HOW DO WE DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS?

Over time, our souls accumulate some trauma, and we store these events into our memory banks. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the lies that we have believed, and we need tear them down piece by piece. We do this by confessing the lies to the Father and then we hand them over to Christ. Jesus is the way, the truth, and life, so we demolish these strongholds by exchanging them for the very nature and being of Christ, and we begin to follow his ways, accept his truth, and we begin to experience lifegiving freedom. Next, we invite the Holy Spirit into these areas and ask him to wash us clean and purify us from all unrighteousness. Ask the Holy Spirit to purify your mind from these thoughts, ask him to renew your heart, and to cleanse the areas of your soul affected by these lies. Finally, we make a declaration about who God is in this situation so that His truth can wash over us.

## APPLY THE TRUTH

Your healing comes from God's Word, which is without fault and will lead you in the way everlasting. For everything that we have believed from the enemy, the true remedy is found when we declare God's word over our lives. If you are unwanted, his word says that he will leave the ninety-nine to come get the one (Luke 15:1-7). If you believe that you are unlovable, God loved us so much that he sent his only son to suffer for us that we might be brought back into right relationship with him (John 3:16). If you struggle with feeling worthless, God will sell everything to buy the field which holds his treasure (Matthew 13:44). No matter what the stronghold is, the divine weapon for tearing it down is found in the Truth about who God is. So, fall in love with the truth and declare it over your lives today!





# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 5

*Putting On the Armor of God*

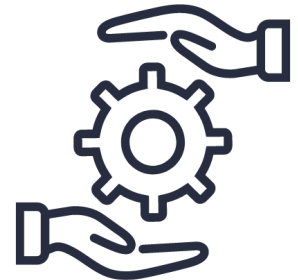


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. Who would typically wear armor, and why?
2. You may have heard of the whole armor of God, but do you know how to put it on?
3. How do the pieces of God's armor point to Jesus?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. When things seem to go wrong in life, ask yourself, am I wrestling with flesh and blood or am I wrestling with my spiritual enemy?
2. Write the pieces of God's armor on your bathroom mirror and practice putting them on each morning to start your day.
3. The belt of truth is vital, so try answering situations in your life by making sure they align with God's word.

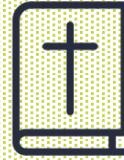


### THINGS TO PRAY



Father, today we put on your armor because it is all we need to be secure in this life. We will not fear the lies of our enemy because we are planted and established by Your Truth. Forgive us when we put our faith in anything other than you and today, we declare that we will be shielded from the attacks of the enemy because all of our trust and faith lie in you, and you only. Father, we thank you that our righteousness is hidden in Christ, and He guards our hearts. We declare that today our feet will be covered by your peace, and we will be ready to share the gospel wherever we go. Father, thank you for covering our thoughts with your helmet of salvation, which protects us from the accusations of our enemy. Today, we will carry the sword of your Spirit—your Word—and we will use it to ward off the enemy. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus, the pioneer of our faith.

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**Ephesians 6:11-17** –Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Proverbs 4:23** – Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

**Galatians 3:37** – for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**Philippians 4:7** – The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Isaiah 26:3** – You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *Whose mind is stayed on You*, Because he trusts in You.

**Hebrews 11:1** – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**Acts 4:12** –There is no one else who has the power to save us, for there is only one name to whom God has given authority by which we must experience salvation: *the name of Jesus.*”

**Colossians 2:10** – and you are complete in Him [Jesus], who is the head of all principality and power.

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



## Who is our enemy?

Our battle is against the workers of darkness, not each other!

## Why God's Armor?

God is our protector, our strong tower, and our help in need.

## How do we put it on?

Every piece of God's armor points to who Christ is (see below)

## FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:11-17

### Helmet of Salvation

Salvation is found in no other name than *Jesus Christ* (Acts 4:12)

### Breastplate of Righteousness

For *Christ* also suffered once for sins, the **Righteous** for the unrighteous, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:18)

### Shield of Faith

*Jesus* is the author and perfecter of our **Faith** (Hebrews 12:2)

### Sword of the Spirit – Word of God

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the *Word was God* (John 1:1)

### Belt of Truth

*Jesus* is the way, the **Truth**, and the life (John 14:6)

### Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

*Jesus* is the prince of **Peace** (Isaiah 6:9)





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## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 6

### *Overcoming Temptations*

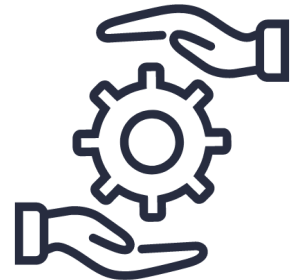


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. What is temptation and where does it come from?
2. How do sin and temptation differ?
3. The bible says that God will give us a way out when we are tempted, but how do we find this way out?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. When you feel tempted, ask yourself, am I being pulled away from God by my eyes, my heart, or my pride?
2. When tempted, search the word of God that is written on your heart and ask, “What does God say about this?”
3. Before giving in to temptation, say, “God I am doing this [fill in the blank] to honor you,” and if it sounds dishonorable, resist it.



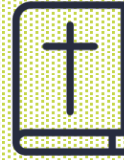
### THINGS TO PRAY



Father, forgive us when we see the way out you have provided, but our weak and failing flesh has given way to the temptation(s) at hand. Help us to stand firm in our faith and trust that ALL you provide is far superior to any fleeing desires the enemy tempts us with. Today I declare that when temptation comes knocking, the Holy Spirit will answer the door and say, away from me, for I serve my Father, and Him only. When temptation comes, I will look for your way out and I will follow you. Father, just like your Son prayed, we ask that you lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.



# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**1 Corinthians 10:13** – No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**James 1:13-15** – When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

**Philippians 4:19** – And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

**1 Peter 5:10** – And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore you, secure you, strengthen you, and establish you.

**James 1:12** – Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

**Matthew 26:41** – Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**Galatians 5:17** – For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

**Matthew 6:23** – But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



**1 Corinthians 10:13** – No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But *when you are tempted*, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it (emphasis added).

## WHEN you are tempted...

Temptation is inevitable and we will *all* face it throughout our lives. However, when we are tempted, God does give us a way out, but do you know how to locate it? The way out is always found in his truth, which brings us freedom and can only be found in his perfect and flawless word. So, the next time temptation comes knocking, just say out loud, Father, I am doing this to [fill in the blank] to bring you glory and honor. You may feel a little sick hearing it said aloud, but it's meant to lead us away from temptation and to the father. Finally, when considering the temptation at hand, search the Word of God and see if your actions line up with his—are they bringing forth life (spirit) or death (flesh).

## The Lust of the EYES

No temptation is successful unless it gets our attention. The best way to do this is to entice our eyes. Just look around, we are living in a digital world that flashes temptation in our faces, nearly every day. We must guard our eyes, for they are a gateway into our soul, and we can easily let darkness enter our holy temples this way. I believe this is why Jesus said it's better to pluck out an eye that sins and enter the heaven maimed (metaphorically speaking) than it is to enter hell with all of our members (Matt. 5:29). So, we must guard what enters through our eyes.

## The Lust of the FLESH

God has made a beautiful world that we can see with our eyes and want for our human nature, but we should not put these things above God. Adam and Eve were instructed not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but when Eve "saw" that it was good for "food" she was tempted to do the ONE thing she was forbidden not to do—eat the apple. God knows that we have fleshly desires, he made us this way. However, he is a jealous God and does not want us accepting things of the world that are not of Him. Choose the Father, not a fleeing desire.

## The PRIDE of Life

Some of us have an unhealthy desire to want more than we need, to try to make ourselves above others, or to try to impress others with our outward appearance. These epitomize "the pride of life" and can become idols that we worship above our God. Remember, Jesus said, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" God doesn't take kindly to our pride, so be cautious, and choose to worship Him more than anything else. Remember, God exalts us from our humility, not our pride (Luke 14:11).



# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 7

### *Repentance Part One*

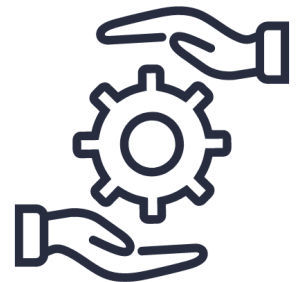


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. What does it mean to repent and how do we do it?
2. Why should we repent?
3. What does it mean to conform no longer to the patterns of this world?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. Ask the Father to reveal to you the things you think about that do not align with His word or His ways, and make a list.
2. Take the list from above and ask Holy Spirit to show you scripture that refutes this faulty thinking.
3. When a broken thought pattern arises, declare to God who He is in that situation and allow His truth to replace your lies.

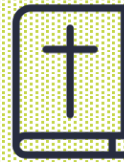


### THINGS TO PRAY



Father, forgive us for the times we have chosen the patterns of this world over the patterns of your kingdom. Father, we confess to you all the junk that has accumulated in our soul, and we ask that *your truth* would purify us from the inside out. Help us to focus on cleaning the inside of the cup first, then the outside. Give us courage to face the things inside of us that need to be laid to rest, and give us Faith to trust that you will cleanse us and make us whole. Father may our walk on earth begin to match our identity in heaven. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, your blameless son!

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**Romans 12:2** – Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

**Matthew 3:1-2** – In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “*Repent*, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**Matthew 4:17** – From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**Matthew 3:8** – Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

**Matthew 23:26**: first clean the inside of the cup, and then the outside will also be clean

**Luke 5:32** – I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

**Mark 2:17** – Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Galatians 2:20** – I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Ephesians 4:23** – Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

**Colossians 3:5** – So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you.

**Ephesians 1:11** – It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.

**1 Peter 2:1-3** – Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.



# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



**Romans 12:2** – Do not conform to the pattern of this world, *but be transformed by the renewing of your mind*. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will (emphasis added).

## WHY REPENT?

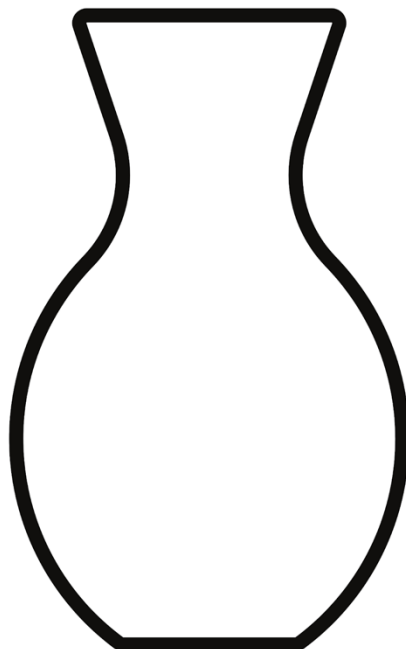
We repent when our actions are outside the will of the Father. When this happens, we need to take the sins (stinking thinking) that have accumulated in our souls to the Father and exchange them for his truth.

## HOW DO I REPENT?

Trauma can create painful memories, and we must exchange the broken thoughts for the truth of who God says we are. Yes, we need to turn back to God, but we must replace the lies with the Truth of God’s word.

## TAKING SPIRITUAL INVENTORY

*Refer back to the examples in the video. What do you need to repent for? What are some wounds of your soul that need to be healed by the truth of God’s word?*





# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 8

*Repentance Part Two – The Heart*

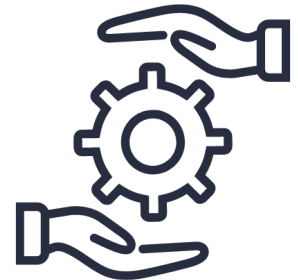


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. What made the prodigal son want to come home?
2. How is repentance of the mind different than repenting from the heart?
3. What are the famine areas of your life?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. Make an inventory of the areas of your life that are in famine.
2. For every area above, take your broken and contrite heart to the Father and confess it out, then repent of that behavior.
3. Sit in a quiet place with Father and allow him to celebrate your repentance and feel all of heaven rejoicing that you came home.

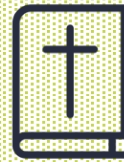


### THINGS TO PRAY



Father, we come to you right now and admit that we are in desperate need of your affection, your forgiveness, and your love. We acknowledge there are areas of our lives where we have been living in famine, and in our need, we return to you. Give us the courage to come back to you, to return to your word, and to feel your gentle embrace. Father, break our hearts for what breaks yours. Your word says you will not despise a broken and contrite heart, so today we acknowledge to you all the places of brokenness in our lives. We ask all of this in the precious name of Jesus Christ, who knew no sin.

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**Luke 15:13-24** – “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there *squandered his wealth in wild living*. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and *he began to be in need*. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. “*When he came to his senses*, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ *So he got up and went to his father*. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; *he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him*. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. *Let’s have a feast and celebrate*. For this son of mine *was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found*.’ *So they began to celebrate* (emphasis added).

**Psalm 51:10** – Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Psalm 51:17** – The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

**Luke 15:7** – I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

**Psalm 34:18** – The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

**2 Corinthians 7:10** – Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



**2 Corinthians 7:10** – *Godly sorrow brings repentance* that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. (emphasis added).

Sometimes we can squander what the Father has given us with our wild choices in life	The prodigal son had lived a wild and foolish life, and blew his inheritance (Luke 15:13). What are some of the wild choices you have made or are making that require you to cease at once, and return to the Father?
For some of us, repentance comes at a time of dire need or out of desperation	The prodigal son was living in a time of famine, and in dire need (Luke 15:14). Have you come to a place of need that only God can sustain you? Have you reached a point of desperation in your life and the only remedy is to come back to the Father's house and let him lavish you with His love?
At times we can reach a point where we are willing to do anything to survive, but we really need Father	The prodigal son was willing to slop it up with the pigs, even though his religion prohibited him being with unclean animals (Luke 15:15-16). Are you in a place right now where you are willing to live outside of your Father's will just so you can survive and make it? If so, are you willing to come back home?
Repentance begins by coming to our senses	The prodigal son came to his senses, and then thought about going back to his Father's house (Luke 15:17). Have you had moments in your life when you knew you were living outside of God's will, and it was time to come home?
Often, we will rehearse what our repentance should look like before coming back to the Father	The prodigal son had it in his mind to return to the Father, and he rehearsed what he would say to Him (Luke 15:18-19). Have you thought about what you need to say to Father? Have you rehearsed in your mind what you need to say to Him to repent? Are you ready to come home?
Repentance will happen when we set out to return to the Father and confess our sins to Him	The prodigal son got up, went back to his Father, and confessed what he had done wrong (Luke 15:20-21). Are you ready to move from the rehearsal and into live action? It's time to come back to the Father and confess what you have done wrong

**The kingdom of darkness wants you to believe that you cannot come back to Father. They want you to stay in the famine areas of your life and to believe that he will not receive you if you come home. The good news is darkness will wait outside His palace as He lavishes His love upon you and welcomes you back home. All of heaven rejoices when we repent and return to Father, and all of hell is disarmed by our choice to be back in His loving arms.**





# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 9

*Confess Your Sins*

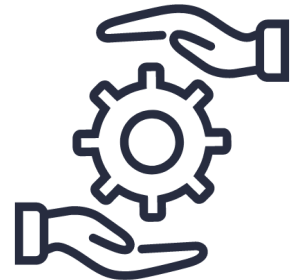


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. What does it mean to confess your sins?
2. According to the Barna Group, only 40% of churchgoers pray with confession in mind, why do you think this is?
3. What keeps you from confessing your secret sins?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. Sit in prayer and make a list of the things you need to confess.
2. First, take those confessions to the Father so he can purify you, then find a mature believer to confess your sins to.
3. Practice making confession a daily routine in your prayer life.

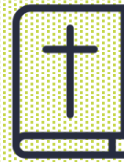


### THINGS TO PRAY



Father, we come to you and acknowledge that all of us have sinned and fallen short of your glory. Father, we turn to you and confess our sins [*named above*]. We humbly accept your forgiveness for our confessions and sit with you in the secret place as you cleanse us and purify us from all our unrighteous acts. Give us courage to come to you and our brothers and sisters so we can reveal these sins and receive your mercy. We confess that at times we forget to make you the center of our lives and we ask that you create in us a pure heart and that you renew our Spirits. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, who takes away the sins of the world!

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**1 John 1:8-10** – If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. *If we confess our sins*, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us (emphasis added).

**James 5:16** – Therefore *confess your sins to each other* and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

**Proverbs 28:13** – Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who *confesses and renounces them* finds mercy.

**Psalms 32:5** – Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “*I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Romans 3:23-24** – for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

**John 1:29** – Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**Psalms 51:17** – The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

**Psalms 51:1-2** – Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**Psalms 51:10** – Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**James 4:17** – If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



**1 John 1:9** – *If we confess our sins*, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (emphasis added).

## WHAT IS SIN?

Maybe you've heard sin is missing the mark. But let's take it a step further. We serve a relational God, so sin has to do with our relationship with Father. Thus, sin is anything we do that might cause a breach in our relationship with the Father. Reminder, all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)

## WHAT IS CONFESSION?

Perhaps you have heard this in the court of law? A confession is an acknowledgement of how one has violated or broken the law. When we confess to God, we admit all the ways that we have broken his laws or violated his commandments for our lives. It's telling God how you have harmed your relationship with Him.

## WHY CONFESS YOUR SINS?

- God's word says that we will be shown mercy when we confess (Proverbs 28:13)
- He tells us that he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)
- If we confess our sins to another and pray for each other, we will be healed (James 5:16)
- Because it puts us back in right standing with God

## SEE HOW DAVID CONFESSED AND REPENTED TO GOD

*Psalm 51*

- \* Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love
- \* In your compassion, blot out my transgressions
- \* Wash away all my iniquity
- \* Cleanse me from my sin
- \* I have sinned against you and you only
- \* Create in me a pure heart
- \* Deliver me from the guilt
- \* My sacrifice is a broken spirit

- \* Have mercy on me
- \* Cleanse me and I will be clean
- \* Wash me white as snow
- \* Hide your face from my sins
- \* Blot out my iniquity
- \* Renew a steadfast spirit in me
- \* My mouth will declare your praise
- \* A broken and contrite heart you will not despise



# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 10

*There's Power in Forgiveness*

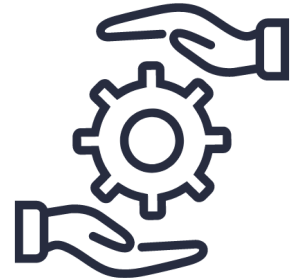


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. What does the word forgiveness mean?
2. How do we actually forgive someone who has hurt us?
3. Who do you need to forgive?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. Make a list of people who have wronged you, and forgive them.
2. After you cancel the debt, declare blessings over the lives of those who have wronged you (Luke 6:27-28).
3. Make forgiveness a daily routine in your prayer life



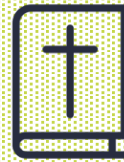
### THINGS TO PRAY



Father, I thank You that Jesus paid for all my sins when He died on the cross, granting me total forgiveness. Because You have forgiven me, I now, of my own free will, choose to forgive [name] for [name the offense]. I hand it over to you, Father, along with all bitterness, anger, and resentment I've held onto because of this offense. Forgive me for holding on to this unforgiveness. Wash my mind and heart and soul clean with the Blood of Your Son, Jesus. Holy Spirit, pour Your oil of joy over me, and anoint me fresh and clean in spirit. I bless [named above] with all the riches you have in store for them in Christ Jesus. I bless him/her in [bless them opposite to the offense, using scripture when possible]. Create in me a pure heart, Oh God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. I pray all this in Jesus' name, amen.



# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**Matthew 6:14-15**: For if you *forgive* other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also *forgive* you. But if you do not *forgive* others their sins, your Father will not *forgive* your sins.

**Ephesians 4:32**: Be kind and compassionate to one another, *forgiving* each other, just as in Christ God *forgave* you.

**Hebrews 8:12**: For I will *forgive* their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

**Colossians 3:13**: Bear with each other and *forgive* one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. *Forgive* as the Lord *forgave* you.

**Luke 6:37**: Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. *Forgive*, and you will be *forgiven*.

**Matthew 18:21-22**: Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I *forgive* my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

**Psalms 86:5**: You, Lord, are *forgiving* and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

**Micah 7:18**: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and *forgives* the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

**Mark 11:25-26**: And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, *forgive* them, so that your Father in heaven may *forgive* you your sins. But if you do not *forgive*, neither will your Father in heaven *forgive* your trespasses.”

**Matthew 6:12**: And *forgive* us our debts, as we also have *forgiven* our debtors.

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



**Ephesians 4:32:** Be kind and compassionate to one another, *forgiving* each other, just as in Christ God *forgave* you.

## WHAT IS A FORGIVENESS?

Forgiveness is looking onto those who have wronged you and saying, I choose to cancel whatever I think he/she owes me, and I choose not to lord the offense over them. It's looking at the life of Christ, and how he made an ultimate sacrifice for us, paying the penalty of a debt we could never pay back. The bible says we are to forgive as Christ has forgiven us (Colossians 3:13); so, if he was willing to cancel a bill that we can never pay back, he wants us to do the same. And, when God forgives, he chooses to remember the offense no longer, and he wants us to do the same. Finally, forgiveness doesn't just wipe the debt, it adds to the bank account of those who don't deserve by adding a blessing to their lives. Romans 12:14 says, "Bless those who curse you; bless and do not curse. When we forgive, we do so by speaking life over the people who have wronged us. I bless you in forgiving like Christ, and blessing those who curse you.

## HOW DO WE FORGIVE OTHERS?

STEP  
1

We ask the Holy Spirit to draw to remembrance the people who have wronged us

STEP  
2

No matter how we were wronged, we choose to cancel the debt that we think another may owe us

STEP  
3

After we wipe the debt clean, we choose to speak a blessing over the person who has harmed us

STEP  
4

We begin to live a life of forgiveness, canceling events as they happen. This is a process, not a one and done



# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 11

*Why Jesus Appeared to Us*

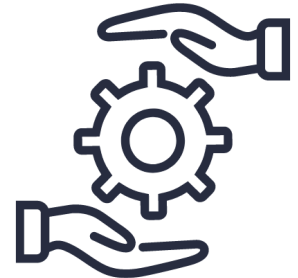


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. Have you ever wondered, why did God send Jesus to us?
2. What was Jesus's mission while here on earth?
3. How did Jesus disarm the forces of darkness?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, so practice focusing on being a victor, and not a victim.
2. Take time to journal; focusing on the Good News, how Christ has healed you, and how he set you free from darkness (Luke 4:18).
3. Make a praise report for all the ways Christ is supreme in your life

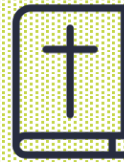


### THINGS TO PRAY



Father, we come to you, thanking you for sending Jesus Christ to pay the ultimate penalty to cancel our sins, to redeem and restore us, and for destroying the works of the devil. Father, we honor you and all the ways we have been blessed in Your son, Jesus. We ask that you open our eyes to see all the ways that darkness has already been defeated in our lives. Father, we invite you into our lives to heal our broken hearts and to set us free from the captivity of the enemy. Jesus, you are seated far above all rulers and authority, and we choose this day to focus on your supremacy and not our inadequacies. We ask all these things in the name of our savior Jesus Christ, who has disarmed the workers of darkness.

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**1 John 3:8** – The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.

**Colossians 2:15** – And having disarmed the powers and authorities [of darkness], he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**Colossians 2:14** – He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

**Colossians 1:13-14** – For I will *forgive* their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Colossians 2:9-10** – For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

**Luke 4:18** – The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruise.

**Hebrews 2:14** – Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.

**John 12:31** – Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

**Galatians 5:1** – At last we have freedom, for Christ has set us free! We must always cherish this truth and firmly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



**Luke 4:18** – The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

## WHY DID CHRIST APPEAR TO US?

**Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil**  
(1 John 3:8)

**To rescue us from the dominion of darkness**  
(Colossians 1:3)

**The lamb of God came to take away the sins of the world** (John 1:29)

**He came to do the will of the Father** (John 6:38)

**To be the light so that whoever believes in him would not be in darkness** (John 12:46)

**He came into the world to save the sinners** (1 Timothy 1:15)

**He came to the world to bear witness to the truth** (John 18:37)

**He came so that all who would believe in him would have eternal life** (John 6:51)

**To fulfill the law of the prophets** (Matt. 5:17)

**To reveal God's love for us** (John 3:16)

**To call sinners to repentance** (Mark 2:17)

**To seek and save the lost** (Luke 19:5-10)

**To reign as King** (Isaiah 9:6-7)

**To be our high priest** (Hebrews 2:17-18)

**JESUS CAME to bring good news to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to set the captives free, to recover the sight of the blind, and to give us liberty** (Luke 4:18).





# KINGDOM LEARNERS

## DISARMING DARKNESS – LESSON 12

*Put it Into Practice*

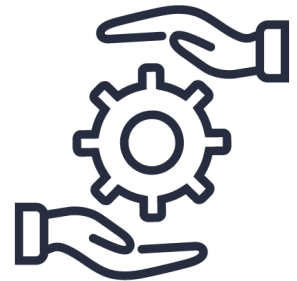


### THINGS TO PONDER

1. Why does Jesus call one a wise builder and the other a foolish builder in Matthew 7:24-27?
2. What does it mean to be a doer of the word (James 1:22)?
3. Are you ready to advance God's kingdom?

### THINGS TO PRACTICE

1. Review the course guide for each of the previous lessons. Are you ready to put these things into practice?
2. Start each day by greeting Father in prayer, then ask Him, "How can I be of service today?"
3. Don't rush. Don't try to perform your way into the Father's arms. Just acknowledge who GOD is today, and let him provide for you.

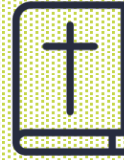


### THINGS TO PRAY



Father, we come to you today and we thank you for your flawless word that directs our steps. We pray that you would awaken in us a willing spirit to advance your kingdom here on earth. Give us courage to be kingdom workers, and not just parishioners. We pray that all the truths of this course would sink deep into our hearts and souls and would inspire us to put them into practice so we can serve you. Father, the time is growing near for your son's return, so prepare me for his arrival. Prompt me to not just hear the words of this course, but to apply them in my daily walk with you. We praise you, Father. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

# KEY PIECES OF SCRIPTURE



**Mark 3:14-15** – He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.

**Mark 16:17-18** – And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

**Matthew 10:1** – Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness

**Matthew 10:7-8** – As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

**Matthew 7:24** – Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

**Luke 10:19-20** – I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**Luke 10:8-9** – When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

**Matthew 28:18-20** – Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

# KEY CONCEPTS TO KNOW



## IT'S TIME TO PUT IT ALL INTO PRACTICE

God has given us power and authority, in Christ (Matthew 28:18-20), over the rulers of darkness to drive out demons, to lay hands on the sick so they may be healed (Mark 16:17-18), to cure diseases and all kinds of illnesses (Matthew 10:1), to proclaim the kingdom of heaven so others can repent and to raise the dead (Matthew 10:7-8)

## LET'S REVIEW

<b>GOD HAS NO RIVAL</b>	Only God is All-Knowing, Ever-Present, All-Powerful, and Unchanging. We need to focus on Him in order to defeat the enemy
<b>Defeating the Devil's Playbook</b>	Our enemy comes only to steal, kill, and destroy; but Christ has come that we may have life, abundantly.
<b>Stand Against the Enemy</b>	It's important that we keep a level head when battling darkness, stay sober, be vigilant, and stand against the enemy by standing with God.
<b>Tearing Down Strongholds</b>	From birth we accumulate kingdom of darkness thinking and we store junk in our souls. We have to take the lies of the enemy to Jesus, so He can become the way, TRUTH, and life over our lives.
<b>Armor of God</b>	Who would want to go to battle with no armor? Remember to strap on the full armor of God each day, and recognize how each piece of armor is a name of Christ. We must be clothed in Christ to defeat darkness.
<b>Overcoming Temptation</b>	The enemy has the same old tricks: tempt our eyes, tempt our human desires, and tempt us with pride so we can be our own gods. For every temptation, be patient, God will provide a way out, but we must endure.
<b>Repentance of the Mind</b>	In order to be transformed into the image of Jesus, we need to work daily to renew our minds from kingdom of darkness thinking and making our thoughts agree with God's truth. Transformation takes time/practice.
<b>Repentance of the Heart</b>	A heart that is grieved is fertile soil to turn back to God. Darkness wants you to stay in baren places, in areas of famine, but God says come back to me and let's have a feast. Turn your heart to God each new day.
<b>Confess Your Sins</b>	The enemy goes day and night to God presenting his case of our unworthiness to be forgiven. When we confess our sins, we tell on ourselves. The enemy is silenced by admitting where we broke the law.
<b>Forgive One Another</b>	The debt has already been paid by Christ, so why carry it around and enforce it upon others. Let go of the offense, and the enemy will flee.
<b>Christ is Supreme</b>	Jesus Christ is the head over all rulers and authorities, even the workers of darkness. Christ dwells in us, so HIS authority is in us.



# KINGDOM LEARNERS

Dear Kingdom Learner,

We thank you from the bottom of our heart for participating in the *Disarming Darkness* course. Our prayer is that this class will not only impact your minds, but it will also challenge you to become doers of God's word, and not just hearers.

We bless you in seeing that the Father has no rival, and is far superior to the workers of darkness. We bless you in understanding how Christ is seated far above all rulers, powers, and authorities, including the workers of darkness. We bless you in unveiling the devil's playbook by fixing your thoughts on Christ, who by His work on the cross has defeated the workers of darkness. We bless you in taking a strategic stand against the enemy and to tear down every false belief in your life that sets itself against the nature of who God is. We bless you in being clothed in Christ, fitted in the whole armor of God, so you can withstand the schemes of the devil and his unceasing forms of temptation. We bless you in being transformed by the renewing of your mind, and to be grieved in your heart for the actions you've committed that do not line up with God's holy, blameless, and everlasting word. We bless you in boldness to tell God where you have violated his laws and will for your life. We bless you in living a life of forgiveness—being eager to cancel the debts that others may owe you. We bless you in understanding the supremacy of Christ, and that you would be wise builders—putting all of these teachings into practice each day of your life.

We invite you to continue your journey with us by signing up to [kingdomlearners.com](http://kingdomlearners.com) so you can be encouraged by our "Daily Word" videos and to be strengthened and equipped by our upcoming "Courses." We also would like to support you starting your own "Home Church" so you can make disciples, and prepare workers for the plentiful harvest that lie ahead.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [info@kingdomlearners.com](mailto:info@kingdomlearners.com)

Much love and many blessings,

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