KNOW YOUR ENEMY | WEEK 2

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

I. The Devil Is Real

II. The Devil Has a Plan

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV) Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

- 1. Satan Wants You Distracted.
- 2. Satan Wants You Divided.
- 3. Satan Wants You Discontented.
- 4. Satan Wants You Deceived.

Revelation 12:9 (NKJV) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Genesis 3:1 (NIV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Genesis 3:2 (NIV) The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

Genesis 3:3 (NIV) But God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

Genesis 3:4 (NIV) "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.

Genesis 3:5 (NIV) "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:6 (NIV) When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:7 (NIV) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:13 (NIV) Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

- 2 Corinthians 11:3 (NIV) But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 11:4 (NIV) For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.
- 2 Corinthians 11:13 (NIV) For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 11:14 (NIV) And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

John 8:31-32 (NKJV) Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:33 (NKJV) They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

John 8:34-35 (NKJV) Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

John 8:36 (NKJV) Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- 1 Timothy 4:1 (NIV) The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.
- 2 Timothy 3:13 (NIV) But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NIV) Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NIV) Nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 6:7 (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

Ephesians 5:5 (NIV) For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Ephesians 5:6-7 (NIV) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them.

Ephesians 5:8 (NIV) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

James 1:22 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

1 John 1:8 (NIV) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Acts 17:11 (NIV) Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

5. Satan Wants You to Doubt.

Genesis 3:1 (NIV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Matthew 4:3 (NIV) The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Matthew 4:6 (NIV) "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Matthew 11:2-3 (NIV) When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Matthew 11:4 (NIV) Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see:

Matthew 11:5 (NIV) The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Matthew 11:6 (NIV) Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

James 1:5 (NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:6 (NIV) But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:7-8 (NIV) That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.