***“Warfare and the Aftermath”***

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“One of the church’s mandates is to show people who they are, what they can do, and what they have in their relationship with Jesus.” **(Excerpt 2022 Vision)**

“Because of Jesus’ death on the Cross and His resurrection from the dead, the forces of hell are already defeated. However, even though they have been legally stripped of their authority and power, they continue to roam around this earth, carrying out evil deeds like criminals, bandits, hooligans, and thugs. And just like criminals who refuse to submit to the law, these evil spirits will continue to operate in this world until some believer uses his God-given authority to enforce their defeat!

We need to get ahold of this truth: These demonic forces are legally stripped of their authority and are defeated! We are not puny, struggling believers who are somehow trying to learn how to cope with the devil’s attacks against us. We’re not merely trying to learn how to scrape by or survive. Jesus’ death and resurrection gave us the legal authority to keep Satan under our feet, so we must always make sure we approach spiritual warfare as victors and not victims.” **(Rick Renner)**

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**Colossians 2:15 interpreted:**  “… He gallantly strode into Heaven to celebrate His victory and the defeat of Satan and his forces. As part of His triumphal process, He flaunted the spoils seized from the hand of the enemy. Yet the greatest spectacle of all occurred when the enemy himself was openly put on display as bound, disgraced, disabled, defeated, humiliated, and stripped bare.…”

Satan has been **defeated** so his plot is to try to get us to defeat **ourselves.**

**Key Point: The last thing that the devil wants us to know is the authority that we have over him.**

**Lesson Aim:** The aim of this lesson is two-fold:

1. Encourage believers that we have power to defeat and overcome the powers of darkness
2. Expose the demonic opposition that believers are faced with during this season

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A). The **Soldering** of Joshua

**Joshua 3:10 NKJV** And Joshua said, “By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites:

**Key Point:** While we don’t fight these enemies that Joshua fought in the flesh, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of these enemies are ones that we may have to contend.

**Canaanite-**

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The Canaanite spirit deals with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and how it can betray you.

**Key Point:** It was the Canaanite spirit that caused Aachen to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money at the expense of disobeying God.

But God has a problem when you have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_has you!

**Content/Contentment-**

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**Joshua 3:10 NKJV** And Joshua said, “…the Canaanites and the Hittites…”

**Hittite**-

The Hittite spirit will bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Israel dealt with a Hittite spirit under Moses and Joshua because she was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to possess the land.

Fear stops you from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the blessings of God.

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The Hittite spirit will try to steal your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and replace it with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Hope-refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When expectations are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, fear, dread, and terror set in.

The word Hivite means-

The Hivite spirit speaks of our conflict with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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The Hivite spirit will pull you outside of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ for your life.

The Prodigal lived under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Hivite spirit.

**2 Timothy 4:9 CEV** Come to see me as soon as you can.

**2 Timothy 4:10 CE**V Demas loves the things of this world so much that he left me and went to Thessalonica…

**Can’t**

Can't is the worst word that's written or spoken;

Doing more harm here than slander and lies;

On it is many a strong spirit broken,

And with it many a good purpose dies.

It springs from the lips of the thoughtless each morning

And robs us of courage we need through the day:

It rings in our ears like a timely-sent warning

And laughs when we falter and fall by the way.

Can't is the father of feeble endeavor,

The parent of terror and half-hearted work;

It weakens the efforts of artisans clever,

And makes of the toiler an indolent shirk.

It poisons the soul of the man with a vision,

It stifles in infancy many a plan;

It greets honest toiling with open derision

And mocks at the hopes and the dreams of a man.

Can't is a word none should speak without blushing;

To utter it should be a symbol of shame;

Ambition and courage it daily is crushing;

It blights a man's purpose and shortens his aim.

Despise it with all of your hatred of error;

Refuse it the lodgment it seeks in your brain;

Arm against it as a creature of terror,

And all that you dream of you some day shall gain.

Can't is the word that is foe to ambition,

An enemy ambushed to shatter your will;

Its prey is forever the man with a mission

And bows but to courage and patience and skill.

Hate it, with hatred that's deep and undying,

For once it is welcomed 'twill break any man;

Whatever the goal you are seeking, keep trying

And answer this demon by saying: "I can.”

**Never say that you can’t when God says you can.**

**Never say that you won’t when God says you will.**

**Never say that you shall not, when God says**