THE DEVIL GOES TO CHURCH PRAYER AS SPIRITUAL WARFARE Master PDF

Course Synopsis:

Because the devil hates the Church of Jesus Christ, from Genesis to Revelation the Bible is filled with accounts of spiritual warfare. We are born, live our life, and die on battlefield earth. Without understanding this basic biblical truth, the Church will often fail to understand the purpose and power of prayer, which gives us victory through Jesus on this battlefield each day.

The Devil Goes to Church will help you develop a foundational understanding of spiritual warfare both individually and corporately. You will discover the practical role of prayer personally as it keeps you connected to your Commander in Chief, Jesus Christ, and as it applies to the corporate life within your church.

Pastors/Small Group/Study Leaders:

Here are a few helpful guidelines to maximize the effectiveness of this course for your group/church:

Customize: Please feel free to customize this study for the unique needs of your small group, Bible study or church. We recommend that you go through each lesson prior to sharing it with the group to determine which questions, activities and supplemental materials you wish to utilize. Adapt as you wish!

PDFs: So that all course content is easily accessible to everyone, we are making the following content available as pdf's:

1. A master pdf is available on this page containing all lesson materials with the exception of Supplemental Materials and videos.

2. Each lesson page will have a pdf of the content of the lesson with the exception of Supplemental Materials and videos.

3. There is also a pdf available of just the study questions on each lesson page.

Reading: Most classes DO NOT go chapter by chapter through a book. It is important to make sure that participants don't make that assumption. Each participant should be encouraged to do the reading (can include Scripture or other reading besides the main text) ahead of each lesson so that they are prepared for discussion.

Remote Teaching: If, for example, this course will be taught via a platform such as Zoom, utilize the tutorial link below to be sure everyone is instructed about how to take part. As the leader, you need to know your platform well in order to help others.

Have your people do the reading and go through the introductory material prior to the lesson time. With everyone together on Zoom, watch the video, go through the discussion questions, spend time in prayer and introduce the next steps.

Here are some helpful tutorials if you would like to use Zoom as a tool to present any of the information in this course. Click for Zoom Tutorials

Supplemental Materials:

Articles, videos and/or audio files are listed at the end of each lesson and at the end of the course for further study, or to interject into this course as the leader or individual desires.

Lesson 1: The Reality of the Spirit World

Even as believers in Jesus, we are often so focused on this world that we can ignore or forget the realm of the spirit. In this lesson, we examine how the Bible presents the reality of the spiritual world.

In this lesson you will:

- grasp the reality of the invisible world of the spirit.
- see how the world of the spirit interacts and intersects with the physical world around us.
- develop a good understanding of the importance of being aware of the spiritual battle we are engaged in.
- be assured that the war has already been won by Jesus.

Reading:

- The Devil Goes to Church (Read the Foreword by Henry Blackaby, pgs. 7-10)
- 2 Kings 6:8-23
- The Devil Goes to Church (Chapter 1, pgs. 15-17)

Video 1: The Reality of the Spirit World

Discussion Questions:

- Do you believe life is war? Explain why you agree or disagree with John Piper's quote regarding spiritual warfare and prayer.
- What have you believed about spiritual warfare prior to this course?

• Do you sometimes feel that you, or others you know, blame every bad thing that happens on the devil? What does Scripture have to say about this kind of thinking?

• Do you feel you are adequately prepared to deal with the devil's schemes at this point in your walk with God?

• How aware are you of the reality of the invisible world of the spirit around you?

• Has there ever been a time in your life when you felt you were under a spiritual attack? Describe what this was like for you.

• Has spiritual warfare been much a part of your prayer life? If yes, explain. If no, how do you think understanding spiritual warfare will change your prayer life?

• How does it make you feel to know that Satan has already been defeated? How do you think this knowledge affects the way you live day to day?

Spend Time in Prayer

Think of a burden, temptation, issue or situation in your life that felt like an attack from the enemy. (Remember, not everything is an enemy attack. Sometimes our own sinful actions or decisions, or those of another, have caused our situation. Here is the difference: If you feel condemnation, that is from Satan. Claim Romans 8:1 – "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." If, however, you feel conviction, it is the Holy Spirit pointing out what needs to change in your life.)

Now, imagine that the full attention of the Father is on this situation, ready to deal with it as soon as you ask. This can forever change how you pray. Just as Elisha prayed for his young servant, you may wish to pray, "Lord, open my eyes to see what is really all around me." If you feel condemnation, let Romans 8:1 inform your prayer. If you feel convicted, ask God to reveal what needs to be confessed or dealt with in your life. Ask the Father to give you courage and strength to fight whatever battle you are facing. If you are in a group, pray with and for one another. If you are studying this lesson alone, ask someone to pray with you about the situation.

Next Steps:

Practice keeping your spiritual eyes open this week, so that you are able to see what is happening in the realm of the spirit as you pray. Focus your attention on Jesus as you react, pray and worship. Notice how the devil fades into the background. You may want to use a journal as you practice prayer in this way.

Lesson 2: Jesus and Spiritual Warfare

The life of Jesus is the perfect example of the importance of having balance in your life as you deal with spiritual warfare. Jesus was aware of everything Satan was up to, but still kept His focus on the kingdom of God.

In this lesson you will:

see that Jesus walked in regular awareness of spiritual battle.

learn how Jesus used the Word of God to battle Satan.

discover how Satan attacks when we are weak.

Reading:

- Luke 13:10-17
- The Devil Goes to Church Chapter 1 pgs. 18-19
- Matthew 4:1-11
- The Devil Goes to Church Chapter 6 pgs. 68-77

Video 2: Jesus and Spiritual Warfare

Discussion Questions:

• Consider the woman bound by Satan for 18 years. Many people struggle with temptations or afflictions for years without the relief only Jesus can deliver them from. Consider someone you know struggling with an addiction of some kind...or perhaps it is a battle you are in personally. What would it feel like to have Jesus heal you or someone else you know and redeem you/them from affliction, temptation or sinful behavior?

• Why do you think the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where he was tempted?

• Have you ever felt like the roaring lion, Satan, has been seeking to devour you? If yes, what does that feel like? If no, describe how have you been fighting this battle successfully.

• How have you have dealt with temptation in your own life?

• Have you ever considered using the Word of God in prayer to deal with Satan? Why or why not? How does it make a difference to know that this is how Jesus dealt with temptation?

• Is praying the word a regular part of your life? Have you ever viewed this activity as significant warfare? What steps can you take to make praying the word a more effective weapon?

Spending Time in Prayer

Consider a temptation you struggle with, or that someone else you know has difficulty overcoming. Imagine yourself, or this person out in the wilderness as Jesus was, and the devil comes to bring this temptation once again. Jesus fought back using the Word of God, which is the template for His followers.

Individual: Pray using the scriptures below.

Small-Group: One or more of the group can be invited to share a temptation he or she faces. Pray for each person using one or more of the scriptures below:

• **Isaiah 40:31:** "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

• 2 Corinthians 12:10: "Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

• **Hebrews 2:18:** "For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted."

• **Philippians 4:13:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Next Steps:

Praying Scripture is a powerful way to pray. As we do, we are submitting to God. James 4:7 says, "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." This week, and into the future, find Scripture to pray over yourself, your marriage, your family, and your church. Remind yourself that this is how Jesus insulated Himself from attack and resisted the devil. Also, check out 8 Ways to Beat Temptation.

Lesson 3: Keeping Your Balance

Jesus taught his Apostles about spiritual warfare and they, in turn, have taught us how to fight. This lesson focuses especially on the Apostle Paul and his understanding of the conflict we are in.

In this lesson you will explore:

- Paul's great teaching about the armor of God in Eph 6:10-18 and how it is set in the context of prayer.
- the importance of maintaining your balance during spiritual conflict.
- the importance of being aware of what's going on around you in order to defend yourself from the devil's schemes.

Reading:

- Ephesians 6:10-18
- The Devil Goes to Church Chapter 1 pages 19 (Paul and the Battle) -23
- The Devil Goes to Church Chapter 3 pages 37-38 (end your reading before the heading Put on the Armor)

Video 3: Keeping Your Balance

Discussion Questions:

- What was your level of awareness of spiritual warfare before you began this course?
- What would it look like to be out of balance in spiritual warfare?

• Describe how Jesus kept His balance when being tempted by the devil. What can you learn from His example?

• What steps can you take to increase your current awareness even more?

Spending Time in Prayer

Our victory against the devil doesn't depend so much upon what we do, but upon what Jesus has already done! Scripture has much to say about how to stay alert and well-balanced in our dealings with evil. In Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus resisted the devil using the Word of God. We can too. Let these passages of Scripture inform your prayer time:

Small Group suggestion – consider having different people read each scripture. Spend time praying together to defeat the schemes of the devil:

• James 4:7: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!"

• 1 Corinthians 16:13: "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."

• **Ephesians 6:13:** "Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm."

• Romans 12:9: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good."

• 2 Corinthians 2:10-11: "But one whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ, so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes."

• Ephesians 4:27: "...and don't give the devil an opportunity."

• 1 Thessalonians 5:22: "Stay away from every kind of evil."

Next Steps:

Consider Peter's admonition in 1 Peter 5:8 – "Be careful—watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry, roaring lion, looking for some victim to tear apart."

Walk through this week being aware of the reality of spiritual warfare and the existence of the devil. This doesn't mean "seeing a demon behind every bush" or blaming every bad thing that happens on the devil. It does mean to simply be aware of his activity so that he doesn't sneak up on you while you aren't paying attention. See if this awareness doesn't heighten your ability to win the battles you face by employing the Word of God and/or changing your behavior in some way.

Lesson 4: Put on Your Armor

One of the most neglected but simplest commands in Scripture is to prayerfully put on God's armor. This lesson talks about why we need to do it regularly, and gives simple ways to obey the command.

In this lesson you will:

- examine the command to put on the armor of God.
- learn how to physically and spiritually put on your armor daily.
- see how putting on the armor corresponds to clothing yourself with Christ.

Reading:

• Review Ephesians 6:10-18

• The Devil Goes to Church – Chapter 3 pgs. 38 (begin with the section titled Put on the Armor) – 40 (end before the heading Get Ready)

• The Devil Goes to Church – Chapter 6, pgs. 71-72

Video 4: Put on Your Armor

Discussion Questions:

- Do you regularly put on your armor in prayer? Why or why not?
- Why do you think God made putting on armor a command?

• What are the two reasons Dave Butts gives for putting on the armor daily?

• How did learning how the armor of God corresponds to being clothed with Christ affect you? Will this change the way you think about spiritual warfare? How?

• Most of the armor is for defense...protection. Which part of the armor is your offensive weapon? Why?

Spending Time in Prayer

Practice prayerfully putting on the armor of God as Dave described during the video. Use this process:

1. Have the group put on each piece together – one at a time.

2. Have different individuals make a declaration about each piece of armor.

3. After each piece of armor is put on, have the group make a proclamation about putting on Christ:

• Individual declares: Father God, we put on the Helmet of Salvation!

• Group proclaims: Jesus is our salvation!

• Individual declares: Father God, we put on the Breastplate of Righteousness!

- Group proclaims: Jesus is our righteousness!
- Individual declares: Father God, we put on the Belt of Truth!
- Group proclaims: Jesus is the Way, the TRUTH and the Life!
- Individual declares: Father God, we put on the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace!

• Group proclaims: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ!

• Individual declares: Father God, we take up the Shield of Faith!

• Group proclaims: Through faith in Jesus we are sons and daughters of God!

• Individual declares: Father God, we take the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God!

• Group proclaims: Jesus is the Word of God!

Spend time together in prayer letting the armor and the clothing of Christ inform your prayers.

Next Steps:

Practice putting on the armor of God in prayer every day this week...consider doing so until this becomes a daily habit. Dave has trained himself to put on his armor daily in the shower. What "prayer trigger" can you use to remind yourself to put on the armor daily? Consider including prayer about being clothed with Christ. There are no rules for putting on the armor! Don't make this a ritualistic act but a prayerful awareness of the battle you are in each day and God's provision for your protection.

Talk to at least one other family member, friend or co-worker about making this a regular practice of prayer. You may never know what an encouragement this will be to others.

Lesson 5: The Nature of Our Enemy

One of the most important lessons for Christians is that we do not fight against other people but against spiritual forces of evil. That changes completely the way we wage war. People are not our enemy. Satan is.

In this lesson you will:

- be reminded that our battle is not against flesh and blood.
- examine the biblical hierarchy of evil as seen in Ephesians 6: 10-18.
- receive assurance from the Apostle Paul that we are not unaware of Satan's schemes.

Reading:

• The Devil Goes to Church – Chapter 2: The Nature of Our Enemy

Video 5: The Nature of Our Enemy

Discussion Questions:

• How do you feel about facing an enemy that is spirit and not flesh and blood?

• Have you ever fought a battle against the wrong enemy? Someone who was/is made of flesh and blood? What was the result?

• Have you had an encounter that you believed was with evil spirits? Describe the experience.

• Do you believe your church is aware or unaware of Satan's schemes? Why or why not?

Spend Time in Prayer

The group leader or another in the group: Read Hebrews 7:25 and Romans 8:33-34 (below) out loud.

Think of a way that Satan has criticized and accused you, or made you feel that way. If you are comfortable naming the criticism or accusation of the enemy, do so. If not, you may express that you have an unnamed accusation.

Spend time praying for one another. Be sure everyone has an opportunity to share and be ministered to.

Read Revelation 12:10 (below) and declare the defeat of the devil!

Ask God to remind you to be an overcomer by the knowledge that the Accuser has been defeated forever by the Living Jesus!

Hebrews 7:25: "Therefore, He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

Romans 8:33-34: "Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us."

Revelation 12:10: "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night."

Next Steps:

Is there someone you have treated as the enemy who needs an apology from you? Would you pray about asking for forgiveness from this person or persons this week? Or, if someone has treated you as an enemy...instead of being angry and unforgiving, would you extend forgiveness to this person? Consider reading the two articles by Kim Butts in the Supplemental Material section to help you.

Lesson 6: The Battleground of Doubt

Satan comes against the Church in four ways: Doubt, Deception, Discouragement and Division. In this lesson you will see the ways Satan uses doubt to damage believers.

In this lesson you will explore:

- the clear ways in which Satan attacks the Church.
- how Satan uses doubt to undermine the Word of God.
- how Satan uses doubt to undermine the love of God.

Reading:

• The Devil Goes to Church – Chapter 5, pgs. 58 – top of pg. 60

Video 6: The Battleground of Doubt

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you believe that Satan hates the Church?
- Do you think doubt is a major issue in your church today? Why or why not?
- How do you see Satan attacking the truth of God's Word today?

Spend Time in Prayer

We overcome doubt with faith. Satan wants to make us doubt all that God has said we are in and through Him. Consider this quote from Henri Nouwen as you prepare to pray: What the Father said to Jesus the Son, God also says to us: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3: 22 NRSV). Dear friends, I want you to hear this: what is said of Jesus is said of you. I know this can be hard to affirm. You are the beloved daughter or son of God. Can you believe it? Can you hear it not only in your head through your physical ears but in your gut, hear it so that your whole life can be turned around? Go to the scriptures and read: "I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have written your name in the palm of my hand from all eternity. I have molded you in the depths of the earth and knitted you in your mother's womb. I love you. I embrace you. You are mine and I am yours and you belong to me." You have to hear this, because if you can hear this divine voice speak to you from all eternity, then your life will become more and more the life of the beloved, because that is who you are. When you start believing this, this spiritual knowledge will grow until it transforms your daily life. You will still have rejections and you will still have pain and losses, but you will live them no longer as a person searching for his or her identity. You will live them as the beloved. You will live your pain and anguish, your successes and failures, as one who knows who you are. And that's not easy. Most of us constantly fail to claim the truth of who we truly are.

Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life by Henri J. M.
Nouwen

With one or two other people, share one doubt you have about yourself, how you perceive others feel about you, or even how you think God feels about you.

Now, using this quote from Nouwen to voice your prayers, pray for each other to "know" that each of you is God's "beloved" son or daughter.

We overcome doubt with truth of God's word.

Pray through Psalm 19 to reaffirm your faith in the power and promises of God's word:

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; they are a marvelous display of his craftsmanship. Day and night they keep on telling about God. Without a sound or word, silent in the skies, their message reaches out to all the world. The sun lives in the heavens where God placed it and moves out across the skies as radiant as a bridegroom going to his wedding, or as joyous as an athlete looking forward to a race! The sun crosses the heavens from end to end, and nothing can hide from its heat.

God's laws are perfect. They protect us, make us wise, and give us joy and light. God's laws are pure, eternal, just. They are more desirable than gold. They are sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb. For they warn us away from harm and give success to those who obey them.

But how can I ever know what sins are lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. And keep me from deliberate wrongs; help me to stop doing them. Only then can I be free of guilt and innocent of some great crime.

May my spoken words and unspoken thoughts be pleasing even to you, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer."

Next Steps:

In the Supplemental Material section for Lesson 6, you will find two PDFs filled with affirmations about who Christ says we are in His Word. Spend time this week rejecting the lies of the devil by focusing on and believing the truth of God's Word and believing how much God loves you. Consider standing in front of a mirror and reading these affirmations out loud so that you can see yourself speaking God's Word as well as hear it. No matter how much the enemy of our souls wants to defeat you by causing you to doubt, you can stand up to his accusations and lies by embedding the truth of Scripture in your heart. This is the key way to defeat Satan – using God's Word against him.

Lesson 7: How the Devil Deceives and Discourages

You have likely had some experiences in your life where you felt deceived or discouraged. This lesson focuses on how Satan uses these weapons to come against Christians to weaken our walk with Jesus, and to damage the Church.

In this lesson you will:

- discover that Satan is a liar who delights in deception.
- understand the great deception of confusing hearing with doing.
- see how Satan uses criticism to steal the courage of believers.

Reading:

•The Devil Goes to Church – Chapter 5 pgs. 60 – 63

Video 7: How the Devil Deceives and Discourages

Discussion Questions:

• Can you describe some ways the devil deceives and discourages believers? Describe one way he has done this to you personally.

• How did Dave Butts describe the major deception the church faces? Do you agree? Why or why not?

• How can God's people stop being deceived about hearing the Word vs. doing the Word? What will you do differently now that you are aware of this deception?

- How has the enemy brought discouragement to your life?
- How important is courage to the Church today?

• How might your church be an encouragement to your community?

• What is God asking you to do that you are not or have not obeyed?

Spend Time in Prayer

Spend time in silent prayer: If you have been resistant to or disobedient about doing something you feel the Father has called you to do or is currently calling you to do, humble yourself and ask for His forgiveness. Ask the Father to prompt you to be a doer of the Word rather than just a hearer of the Word.

Read Hebrews 10:19-25:

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Those who wish to share and ask for prayer, accountability, and encouragement may do so. Spend time praying for one another and agreeing together to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds" and "encouraging one another."

Next Steps:

• If you don't already, start taking notes or journal through Bible studies and sermons. Be sure to ask the question: "How can I do what God is calling me to do through this message? Through this Bible study?

 Consider how you can be an instrument of God's courage to others this week! Step out and be an encourager to as many people as possible. One great way to do that is by praying for them – either in person, over the phone or through a text, note, etc.

Lesson 8: The Nature of Our Victory

This lesson will show the contrast between Jesus' love of unity and Satan's desire for division. It is so important that believers understand that the nature of our victory is the finished work of Christ on the cross.

In this lesson you will:

- understand that because Jesus loves unity, Satan hates it.
- learn to pray with Jesus for unity.

• understand that the nature of our victory over Satan is the work of Christ alone!

Reading:

- The Devil Goes to Church Chapter 5 pgs. 64-65
- The Devil Goes to Church Chapter 8
- John 17

Video 8: The Nature of Our Victory

Discussion Questions:

• Have you been aware that the devil goes to church? What ways have you seen Satan work at dividing the church in this nation? In your own church?

• Did you resonate with Dave's story about the "contemporary" music in the church he pastored? Were you convicted about any ways you may have been or are currently critical about how things are done at your church? Did it make you aware of some

ways you could interject the love of Jesus by setting aside your preferences in favor of what God might want? Explain.

• Talk as a group about what to do regarding any potentially divisive issues in your church and how you can be an instrument of unity rather than division.

• How have you seen Satan mess with the things Jesus wants to have happen in your own life?

• How could John 17 inform your praying for the Church?

• How did the story of the arm-wrestling ant help you to recognize and understand the nature of our victory over Satan? Was this a helpful illustration? Why or why not?

Spend Time in Prayer

Dave mentioned that learning to pray with Jesus over time will help you to get to a point where "you would rather die than divide the body of Christ." Take time to pray through John 17 as intercession for the Church in this nation and around the world.

Here are some other ways to pray for your church:

• **Pray about being like-minded.** "Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11).

• Pray to be of one heart and one soul. "And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them" (Acts 4:32).

• Pray that the attitudes and thoughts of all believers will be constantly changing for the better. "Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better" (Ephesians 4:23).

• **Pray to be one in Christ with all believers.** "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).

• Pray that Christ-followers will be known for loving one another. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:35).

• Pray that people in your church and in the Church will work together with one heart and mind and purpose. "Then make me truly happy by loving each other and agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, working together with one heart and mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself" (Philippians 2:2-3).

• Pray for believers to pursue things which make for peace and which will build others up. "So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (Romans 14:19).

• Pray that your church will grow in the practice of corporate prayer. "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst" (Matthew 18:19-20).

• Pray that every believer will work to equip the saints and build up the body of Christ to reach unity. "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as

evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ: (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Because of Christ's victory over Satan, make this declaration from Romans 16:20 together in unison and unity:

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under our feet!"

Our victory must still be lived out in real-time. Take the Next Step below to do just that!