

## April 25: Standing in Spiritual Authority

**Read Ephesians 6:10–12.**

- Victory is not automatic. Victory must be enforced. Are you living as someone with authority or as someone under pressure? Where have you allowed the enemy to operate unchecked?
- What does your response to challenges reveal about your understanding of authority?
- Are you actively standing, or passively hoping things improve? Remember: Authority is not about effort; it is about your position in Christ.
- What would change if you fully embraced your authority in Christ?

**Pray this prayer from a sincere heart of faith:** “Lord, strengthen me in Your power. Teach me to stand firm and walk in the authority You have given me in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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## April 26: Fighting with Spiritual Weapons.

**Read 2 Corinthians 10:3–5.** Spiritual battles require spiritual weapons. Victory is not achieved by effort. It is released through alignment with God’s power.

- Are you trying to solve spiritual problems with natural methods? How consistent are you in using prayer, the Word, and faith as weapons?
- What strongholds exist in your mind that need to be torn down? Are your thoughts aligned with God’s truth or influenced by fear and lies?
- What would it look like to actively fight spiritually every day?

**Prayer:** Ask God to teach you how to fight spiritual battles effectively through prayer and the Word. Pray for the tearing down of every stronghold in your mind and life. Ask for consistency in using



### **Daily Devotional: THE ENEMY’S BAIT**

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

## April 20: The Reality of Your Adversary

**Read 1 Peter 5:8.**

- What spoke to you the most from the sermon “**The Enemy’s Bait**”? How would what you heard change your perception of the Christian life?
- The Christian life is not neutral ground. You are not just living – you are engaged in spiritual warfare. In what ways has spiritual complacency made you vulnerable to attack?
- Where have you mistaken comfort for safety, when in reality you have become spiritually exposed? What areas of your life show a lack of alertness: prayer life, thought life, discipline?
- If the enemy is actively seeking to devour, what must change in how you live daily?

**Prayer:** Awareness is meant to produce discipline and spiritual clarity, not fear. Pray and ask God to awaken your spiritual awareness and remove every form of complacency. Pray for a sober mind that discerns spiritual activity clearly. Ask for discipline to live alert, not casual, in your walk with God.

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## April 21: The Danger of Spiritual Passivity.

**Read 2 Corinthians 2:11.**

- The enemy does not need to destroy you if he can simply distract you. What has slowly replaced your spiritual intensity – comfort, routine, or distraction? Where have you

become passive instead of intentional in your walk with God?

- Spiritual decline rarely happens suddenly. It happens gradually through neglect and distraction. What habits are quietly weakening your spiritual sensitivity? Are you guarding your heart, or allowing anything to shape your thoughts and desires?
- If nothing changes, where will your current spiritual habits lead you in the next year?

**Make this declaration in faith:** “I guard my heart diligently. I refuse to drift spiritually. I actively seek and participate in the things of God.”

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#### **April 22: Understanding the Enemy’s Systems.**

**Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18.**

- The enemy works through systems: the world, the flesh, and the devil. Which system influences you the most right now — worldly values, fleshly desires, or spiritual deception?
- Where are you being shaped more by culture than by Scripture? What patterns in your life reveal recurring spiritual weakness?
- Ignorance gives the enemy advantage but discernment removes it. Are you learning from past mistakes, or repeating them?
- What would it look like to become truly aware of how the enemy operates in your life?

**Pray this prayer from a sincere heart of faith:** “Father, give me spiritual intelligence. Help me recognize and resist every strategy of the enemy. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

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#### **April 23: The Strategy of Bait.**

**Read James 1:14–15.**

- Pastor Sheila said, “**Bait is something that can kill you disguised as something that seems to fulfill you.**” What does this statement mean to you?
- The enemy rarely presents destruction openly. Instead, he presents bait. What currently attracts you that you know is not aligned with God?
- Can you identify the pattern in your life: **Promise** → **Pull** → **Action: Attention** → **Deception** → **Sin**? What emotional need is making certain temptations more appealing?
- Are you recognizing temptation early or only after you’ve already engaged with it? What is the true cost of the “bait” you keep entertaining?

**Declare by faith out loud:** “I reject every bait of the enemy. I choose obedience over temporary satisfaction.”

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#### **April 24: The Power of Influence.**

**Read Psalm 91:3.**

- What surrounds you will eventually shape you. You don’t drift into victory – you drift into compromise. Who has the greatest influence over your thinking right now? Are your relationships strengthening your faith or weakening it?
- What environment are you consistently exposing yourself to, and what is it producing in you? Where do you need to set boundaries to protect your spiritual life?
- Are you influencing others toward God, or being influenced away from Him?

**Make your faith declaration today:** “I stand strong in the Lord. I enforce the victory of Christ in my life and in the lives of my family and friends.”

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