



RIVERSIDE

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Sunday, 12 September 2021

Riverside Fall Festival @ the Farm

September 12 @ 12noon

*Please register through our Church Center App to attend and to serve.



Join us at the Farm on September 12th after the 2nd Worship Service TODAY! This will be a great family time outside. Register to attend and to serve through our Church Center App or through the Events on the Website.



Click [HERE](#) for the link to get more information

If you would like to coordinate something that is not on the opportunities to serve, please see Jody Gaston.

Men, Free Food!

What? FREE FOOD! Enough said!

See you @8a, Saturday, September 18th in the Fellowship Hall.

Want to help prepare & serve? *Contact Karl Kegley* . Click [HERE](#) to register.



PS: Men, bring/invite your sons, sons-in-law, grandsons, nephews, uncles, brothers, dads, granddads, coworkers, neighbors, and lifelong friends.

4 / WAYS TO GIVE

IN PERSON RCHURCH.NET CHURCH CENTER APP TEXT: 84332

People are wondering how to GIVE at Riverside. We have 4 different ways to make that happen! In Person on Sundays is awesome! There are black giving boxes placed on high top tables and one on the wall as you exit the sanctuary's main doors. Simply place your giving envelop with cash or check in the box. You may mail your check to the church office (3461 Fall Hill Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401). Additionally, you may give through our website or through your Church Center App! Lastly, you may text to 84332 to give! Please ask someone at the Welcome desk for help if you need it.

THANK YOU for your tithes, giving, and contributions to Riverside Church.

Spiritual Warfare – Mind and Heart Games

There is an enemy lurking about – an unseen presence – who at this moment is devising a plan of attack against you to turn you against God and to keep you separated from Jesus. This enemy hates Jesus. He hates that you are here this morning.

His name is Satan. We call him the devil.

But... he is no match for Jesus.

Luke 11:21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

Today we're going to look at the most common way that we encounter Satan and his minions in life. 90% of the attack of the enemy upon your life is going to happen in 2 places; in your head and in your heart. It's going to take place in what you're thinking about and in your emotions.

Let's examine 3 Scriptures this morning. And in the Scriptures we are going to see the enemy's most common attack upon your life. And his most common attack is going to involve three words in these Scriptures;

- Roots
- Footholds
- Strongholds

First, Satan wants to put a bitter root in your heart and he wants you to grow it.

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled...

Look at the word "root of bitterness." This root is so common that we almost face it every day of our lives. Satan loves to deal in roots. What is he talking about? The root is an event in your life.

The purpose of this root is to get you to doubt the goodness in the greatness and the character of God. The purpose of this root is the poison you and to take over.

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Why does it spring up? Because we give it ground. This becomes his entry point into your life.

Ephesians 4:26 (NIV) Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled...

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶ being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

A stronghold is a place where the enemy and an enemy thought is so deeply embedded in your life that you protect it

You know what challenges and renews our thought life?

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled...

Defilement. Polluted. Stained. Contaminated. It has changed our color.

How do I know if I have a root?

Because the enemy is telling you that you have a special exemption from following Jesus fully because "no one understands what you've been through."

Because the enemy is telling you that life is better outside of God.

Because the enemy is screaming at you, "you're not enough, not smart enough, not pretty enough, not the right family, not the right background and not the right ability."

Because all of your relationships have broken down at some point.

Because there are some things you don't want anyone else to know about or there are some things that have happened to you that you want everyone to know about.

If the most commonplace that we meet the enemy is in our head and in our heart than what we do? How do we win?

1. Confession. Calling it out.
 2. Repentance. Turning away from it.
 3. Attack. Take those thoughts captive.
 4. Guard the gates! Be careful about what you are allowing in!
- Get help. We are not meant to do this alone. Find some prayer partners.

Let's see what GOD can do!

Pastor Brian Harrell

Guerra Espiritual – Juegos de la Mente y el Corazón

Hay un enemigo al acecho, una presencia invisible, que en este momento está ideando un plan de ataque contra ti para volverte contra Dios y mantenerte separado de Jesús. Este enemigo odia a Jesús. Odia que estés aquí esta mañana.

Su nombre es Satanás. Lo llamamos el diablo.

Pero... él no es rival para Jesús.

Lucas 11:21 Cuando un hombre fuerte, completamente armado, custodia su propio palacio, sus bienes están a salvo; ²² pero cuando uno más fuerte que él lo ataca y lo vence, le quita su armadura en la que confiaba y divide su botín.

Hoy íbamos a ver la forma más común en que nos encontramos con Satanás y sus secuaces en la vida. El 90% del ataque del enemigo sobre tu vida va a suceder en 2 lugares; en tu cabeza y en tu corazón. Va a tener lugar en lo que estás pensando y en tus emociones.

Examinemos 3 Escrituras esta mañana. Y en las Escrituras vamos a ver el ataque más común del enemigo contra tu vida. Y su ataque más común va a involucrar tres palabras en estas Escrituras;

- Raíces
- Puntos de apoyo
- Fortalezas

Primero, Satanás quiere poner una raíz amarga en tu corazón y quiere que la cultives.

Hebreos 12:15 Ve a que nadie deja de obtener la gracia de Dios; que ninguna "raíz de amargura" brota y causa problemas, y por ella muchos se contaminan ...

Mira la palabra "raíz de la amargura". Esta raíz es tan común que casi la enfrentamos todos los días de nuestras vidas. A Satanás le encanta tratar con raíces. ¿De qué está hablando? La raíz es un evento en tu vida.

El propósito de esta raíz es hacer que dudes de la bondad en la grandeza y el carácter de Dios. El propósito de esta raíz es el veneno y tomar el control.

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¿Por qué surge? Porque le damos terreno. Esto se convierte en su punto de entrada a tu vida.

Efesios 4:26 (NVI) No dejes que el sol se ponga mientras todavía estás enojado, ²⁷ y no le des al diablo un punto de apoyo.

Hebreos 12:15 Ve a que nadie deja de obtener la gracia de Dios; que ninguna "raíz de amargura" brota y causa problemas, y por ella muchos se contaminan ...

2 Corintios 10:3 Porque aunque andamos en la carne, no estamos librando la guerra según la carne. ⁴ Porque las armas de nuestra guerra no son de carne, sino que tienen poder divino para destruir fortalezas. ⁵ Destruimos los argumentos y toda opinión elevada planteada contra el conocimiento de Dios, y tomamos cautivo todo pensamiento para obedecer a Cristo, ⁶ estando listos para castigar toda desobediencia, cuando tu obediencia es completa.

Una fortaleza es un lugar donde el enemigo y un pensamiento enemigo está tan profundamente arraigado en tu vida que lo proteges.

¿Sabes qué desafía y renueva nuestra vida de pensamiento?

Hebreos 4:12 Porque la palabra de Dios está viva y activa. Más afilada que cualquier espada de doble filo, penetra incluso hasta dividir alma y espíritu, articulaciones y médula; juzga los pensamientos y actitudes del corazón. ¹³ Nada en toda la creación está oculto a los ojos de Dios. Todo está descubierto y puesto al descubierto ante los ojos de Aquel a quien debemos dar cuenta.

Hebreos 12:15 Ve a que nadie deja de obtener la gracia de Dios; que ninguna "raíz de amargura" brota y causa problemas, y por ella muchos se contaminan ...

Contaminación. Contaminado. Manchado. Contaminado. Ha cambiado nuestro color.

¿Cómo sé si tengo una raíz?

Porque el enemigo te está diciendo que tienes una exención especial de seguir a Jesús completamente porque "nadie entiende por lo que has pasado".

Porque el enemigo te está diciendo que la vida es mejor fuera de Dios.

Porque el enemigo te está gritando: "no eres suficiente, no eres lo suficientemente inteligente, no eres lo suficientemente bonito, no eres la familia correcta, no tienes los antecedentes correctos y no la habilidad correcta".

Porque todas tus relaciones se han roto en algún momento.

Porque hay algunas cosas que no quieres que nadie más sepa o hay algunas cosas que te han sucedido que quieres que todos sepan.

Si el lugar más común donde nos encontramos con el enemigo está en nuestra cabeza y en nuestro corazón, ¿qué hacemos? ¿Cómo ganamos?

1. Confesión. Llamándolo.
 2. Arrepentimiento. Alejándose de él.
 3. Atacar. Toma cautivos esos pensamientos.
 4. ¡Vigila las puertas! ¡Ten cuidado con lo que estás permitiendo!
- Obtén ayuda. No estamos destinados a hacer esto solos. Encuentre algunos compañeros de oración.

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