

KNOW YOUR REAL ENEMY

You Have an Enemy #1

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Big Idea: Your enemy is a _____ foe you can only defeat by _____.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR ENEMY

- 1. Satan and his demons are _____. (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Ezekiel 28:11-17)**
- 2. Satan was the originator of _____.**
- 3. Satan opposes and tries to destroy _____. (2 Cor. 4:4; John 10:10)**

GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR ENEMY

- 1. Satan is limited by _____.**
- 2. Satan was defeated by the work of _____. (Col. 2:13-15)**
- 3. Satan can't _____ you from God. (Rom. 8:38-39)**
- 4. You can resist Satan by _____. (Eph. 6:10-11)**

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON KNOWING YOUR REAL ENEMY

Monday: Read Rev. 16:12-16 about how demons deceived armies of unbelievers to gather for the Battle of Armageddon against believers. Now read Rev. 19:11-21. What happened at Armageddon? Read Rev. 20:1-10 about what happened to Satan. Remember when you are tempted or when you feel attacked by Satan that his doom is sealed and you win if you trust and follow Jesus! Live in victory today!

Tuesday: The gospels contain many stories about Jesus casting out demons. None are more gripping than the one in Mark 5:1-20. How many demons were tormenting this poor man? How powerful were they against Jesus? How was the man changed after meeting Jesus? God permits demons to attack us, but they can be overcome by the power of Christ in us. If you are struggling and feel attacked, ask Jesus to deliver you from and strengthen you against the enemy.

Wednesday: Read Job 1-2. This is the classic story of bad things happening to good people. Notice that God put restraints on what Satan could do. Everything that happens to you is also “Father filtered”. Satan can only do what God allows. Read Job 42. While it may be troubling that God allows Satan to tempt and harm you, please know that God will strengthen you through it. Read Job 42.

Thursday: Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 about how Satan was allowed to harass Paul. What did Paul do about this “thorn in the flesh”? How did God use for good what Satan planned for evil? How did Paul respond to other “weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities” from the enemy? When we trust God with our weakness, His grace makes us strong. Trust God’s grace with your hurts today.

Friday: Read 1 Peter 5:1-11. What is the goal of “the devil”? Based on v. 6-8 what actions should you take to prepare for Satan’s attacks? What critical ingredient is listed in v. 9 to enable you to resist him? What is important for you to remember through it all? Pray through this prescription for resisting the enemy. Which of these actions have you missed in your current or previous struggles?