

RIDE THE WILD HORSES OF YOUR LIFE

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2Sa 18:33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

2Sa 19:2 And the victory that day was *turned* into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

2Sa 19:3 And the people got them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

2Sa 19:4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

1. This probably one of the saddest stories in the Bible: Absalom was formally anointed king after taking Jerusalem (2Sam. 19:10). He appointed Amasa a captain of his army, then crossed the Jordan to meet his father's forces. The battle took place in the woods of Ephraim, where Absalom's recruits were no match for David's veterans. Absalom's army was defeated and 20,000 of his men were killed (2 Samuel 18:6-7).
2. Absalom tried to flee from the forest on a mule, but his head caught in the thick bough of a tree. Joab the captain of David's army, then killed Absalom in spite of David's request that he not be harmed. Upon hearing the news of his death, David moaned, "O my son Absalom – my son, my so Absalom – If only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"
3. **Absalom**: never could conquer the wild horse of his life, He had many talents and abilities. But he was spoiled, impatient and overly ambitious. These along with his pride, rebellion, and his vanity, led to his tragic death. His body was cast into a pit, over which a great heap of stones was piled as a sign of contempt.
4. Unless we conquer our flesh, the wild horses of our lives, which is in a great war with our Heavenly Father it will bring disaster to our lives.

Gal 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

OUR BIGGEST BATTLE IS NOT THE DEVIL IT IS OUR FLESH

1. **As Gentiles we are wild by nature:**

Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, **being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them**, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Rom 11:18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Rom 11:19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

Rom 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

2. The wild olive is smaller in all its parts. The wild olive was unfruitful, or its fruit very imperfect and useless. The ancient writers explain this word by "**unfruitful, barren.**" This was used, therefore, as the emblem of unfruitfulness and barrenness, while the cultivated olive produced much fruit. The meaning here is that **the Gentiles had been like the wild olive, unfruitful in holiness; that had been uncultivated by the institutions of truth and righteousness, and consequently had grown up with wildness and committed sin with out no restraints.**

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

3. **Our Nature is our biggest battle.** The Bible speaks of our tongue, which is directly connected to our spirit and the way we think and connected to

our sinful nature. And can only be governed by God's Spirit that dwells within us.

Jam 3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

Jam 3:4 Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

Jam 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

Jam 3:6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

James 3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses mouths....The meaning of this simply illustration is, that as we control a horse by the bit – though the bit is a small thing – so the body is controlled by the tongue. He who has proper control over his tongue can govern his whole body, as he who holds a bridle governs and turns about the horse.

4. **The only way to control your carnal nature is to be filled with the Holy Ghost.** And to stay full of the Holy Ghost and let the Word of God dwell in your heart and life and bring your nature under the submission of his Word.

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

And a new spirit will I put within you – I will renew your minds, also enlighten your understanding, correct your judgment, and refine you will, so that the new spirit will direct your new life. (Christ In us).

I will take away the stony heart: The heart that is hard, thick, and cold; the affections and passions that are unyielding, frozen to good, unaffected by heavenly things; that are slow to credit the Words of God. I will entirely remove this heart: it is opposite to that which I have promised you; and you cannot have the new heart and the old heart at the same time.

5. **Jacob had to be tamed before he was renamed:**

Gen 32:26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

Gen 32:27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

Gen 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

FLESH AGAINST THE SPIRIT

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Jam 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

Jam 3:15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

Jam 3:16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

Jam 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Jam 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

1. **The only way that you can keep the flesh down is for the Spirit of God to be stronger in you.**

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

WILD HORSES

1. **You must rid the wild horses of your life, and subdue them if you are going to be saved. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.**

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

2. **You must let the Holy Ghost fully control your life and not your flesh. You must take control of your flesh through prayer, fasting, dedication and applying the Word of God in your life.**

Pro 25:28 He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down, *and* without walls.

Pro 16:32 *He that is* slow to anger *is better* than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

He that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city – It is much easier to subdue an enemy without than one within. There have been many kings who have conquered nations, and yet were slaves to their own passions. Alexander the Great, who conquered the world, was a slave to intemperate anger; and in a fit of rage slew Clytus, the best and most intimate of all his friends, and the one whom he loved beyond all other.

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, (**Your have to kill some horses**) but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

THE HORSE OF ANGER

1. **Learning to control your anger is vital to your marriage and your walk with God.** We all have besetting sins that we have to overcome.

Heb 12:1 “... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us”

2. **Anger will destroy our health and many valuable friendships:**

Pro 15:18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Ecc 7:9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

Pro 22:23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

Pro 22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

HORSE OF PRIDE

Pro 16:18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Pro 16:19 Better *it is to be* of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Jam 4:5 Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Jam 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

God resisteth the proud - Αντιπασσεται· Sets himself in battle array against him.

Pro 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

Prov. 13:10: Pride – is chiefly, pride which blows upon the coals of contention. **Wisdom** – Which teaches them to avoid contention.

HORSE OF IMMORALITY

Pro 6:29 So he that goeth in to his neighbor's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

1Co 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.