

Fasting Sermon Number Five
Taking Back Stolen Life
1 Samuel 30

John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (abundant)

What the enemy comes to do in our lives is to steal and kill and destroy. People get addicted to drugs, alcohol trying to find some meaning and pleasure only to end up in a vicious cycle of self-destruction. Others work to fill a void in their life with materialism, pleasures, occupational success only to find it less than satisfying. The enemy of our souls would deceive us into believing what God has in insufficient for satisfying the heart. He will if we allow him steal our spiritual treasures.

Spiritual treasures the enemy targets

First Love

We once had a passion for ministry, for souls, for fellowship in church
The enemy has a strategy behind stealing: (He can make you fruitless)

Our unique Calling

Teach - Sing - Prayer Warrior - Missionary - Children
Years of life - Possibilities - Plan A - Confidence

***Somewhere along the line someone disappointed you, hurt you with unkind words. Or you got so busy you just started using your own strength and not allowing God to empower you for the work. Discouragement set in and energy faded, now you just sit and look back at the past.

Marriages

Children and Grandchildren

Faith

Hebrews 11:6 teaches that without faith it is impossible to please God.

***Tell the story of David and the Amorite band of invaders... (Text for the day)

“What the enemy steals God can recover.”

Get up and take back what the enemy has stolen. The devil has no sympathy for us. He will steal daily from us if we are not willing to do spiritual warfare.

But, God has made us “more than conquerors”, Romans 8:37

“greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world”, 1 John 4:4

Fall in total dependence upon the one who promises “...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:29-31

God speaks to this stealing in the last days through the Prophet Joel. We often see the last part of this text as prophetic words, “I will pur out my Spirit...” but just as real are the words “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten...”

**God speaking to His children about the years lost in discouragement, bondage, frustration, wandering said to them in Joel 2:25-32

“I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm— my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; ever again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls

Take It Back

GET UP and take back what the enemy has stolen from your lives. Believe God is bigger than the enemies you face. Get up and refuse to give in to the years of disappointment, the times of heartbreak, the lack of compassion in others. Get up and take back what the enemy has stolen.

Do spiritual warfare on your knees for the lives of your children, grandchildren and friends. Do not be a spectator in the moments of victory God will bring to those who refuse to allow the enemy to steal and keep that which is rightfully ours.

Get Up!! Grab the promises in your sword of the Spirit and the power of prayer and take it back!