

Edward Christian Church

**Spiritual
Warfare
Pt 6**

Our Adversary

Ephesians 6:10-12

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

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Occupy Til I Come

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Here I am Lord, Send Me!" -- Isaiah 6:8

Occupy

-Does Not Mean

⌘ *Take Up Space*

-It Does Mean –

⌘ *Take a Stance*

⌘ *Be Productive*

⌘ *Take Back Lost ...*

*...Ground /
Property*



THE LORD IS WITH YOU LIKE A MIGHTY WARRIOR

This Means War!!!

**There is a War Waging Even Now
It's a Terrible War of Eternal Proportions**

- **We Can Reject It**
- **We Can Rename It**
- **We Can Resist It**
- **We Can Recognize it...**
...and Refuse to Do Nothing!!

Recognize the Battle

...AHEAD of
you is bigger or
stronger than the

Warning

- **Be** (*now-constant*)
- **Strong** (*infused w- inner ability*)
- **In the Lord** (*found one place*)
- **Power** (*overwhelming – irresistible*)
- **Might** (*strong arm*)

Be strong

in the

Lord

and in his

Mighty Power.

A person wearing a bright red, full-length robe and a tall, pointed red hat stands centrally in the frame. The person's face is obscured by deep shadow. They are positioned in front of a dark, multi-story building with several windows, some of which appear to have light inside. The entire scene is overlaid with a heavy rain effect, with numerous white streaks representing falling rain. The overall mood is dark and ominous.

AT THE DEVIL'S
DOOR

Last Supper



Last Supper

14 Present

Jesus and His Disciples and...

..Satan

He was Looking for a Way to Get to Jesus

A Doorway = an Entry Point in His Life...

...to Affect His Life

He Found None –John 14:30

*Hereafter I will not talk much w- you: for the prince of this world cometh, and ***hath nothing in me.****

Every Door was Shut!

Last Supper

**Jesus Lived a Life that Kept the Door Closed
So Satan looked for Someone Close...
...to Get to Him**

“Disciples”

There was a Dispute...

- **Among them**
- **Within them**

These Disputes...

...Produced Doors

...Entry Points for Satanic Activity

*BUT THANKS BE
TO GOD!
HE GIVES US
THE VICTORY
THROUGH OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57



Victory

*THANKS BE
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Jesus Never Meant for Us to Live

...Defeated

...Depressed

...Unproductive Lives

But Satan Constantly Looks for Doors...

...to Expose These to Us

...to Bring these into Our Lives

A Child of God CANNOT be Possessed

God and Satan Cannot Co-Exist

God...

...is Never Limited

Satan...

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- **He is Omnipresent**
- **All Powerful**
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- ⌘ One Place @ Time**
- ⌘ He is Not**
- ⌘ Limited Power**
- ⌘ He is Not**
- ⌘ Limited Knowledge**
- ⌘ He is Not**

Child of God CANNOT Be Possessed But He Can Be...



Child of God CANNOT Be Possessed But He Can Be...

- **Oppressed**
- **Suppressed**
- **Bruised**
- **Used**



That's Why God Warns...

**Eph 4:27 -No Place for Devil...(open door)
These Doors Are...**

A person wearing a bright red hooded cloak stands in the center of the frame. The hood is pulled up, completely obscuring their face. They are standing in a heavy rain, with numerous white streaks representing raindrops falling all around them. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting an outdoor setting at night or in low light. The overall mood is mysterious and ominous.

AT THE DEVIL'S
DOOR

**Every day Satan shows up
knocking at your door
unannounced, uninvited trying
to get you to change your
mind. Don't answer. Decline
the invite. God closed that
door long ago. Keep it closed.
Move forward.**

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Eph 4:27 –no place for Devil (No Door)

Door = Opportunity

There are 5 Doors

#1- Fear



abandoned
shameful
powerless
helpless
small
Weak
defective
alone

Weak
inadequate
DREAD
neglected
helpless
lost
PAIN

ANGST
small
deficient
helpless
insecure
alone
lost
helpless
insecure
alone

defective
Worthless
outcast
SHAME
GRIEV
impotent
VULNERABLE
dismissed
insignificant
PAIN
mortal
fearful
discarded

What Do You Fear?

During his 1933 Inaugural Address, President Franklin Roosevelt sought to calm a troubled America in the throes of depression by saying...

"There is Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself"

- ⌘ Fear is a Feeling of Dread, Alarm, Panic and Anxiety
- ⌘ Fear Ranges from Mild Anxiety to Panic Attacks
- ⌘ The Psychiatric Association has categorized a variety of phobias, such as acrophobia, claustrophobia, agoraphobia

What Do You Fear?

Fear factor

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What Do You Fear?

We Are Born With Only Two Fears

- Fear of Falling and the Fear of Loud Noises
- All other Fears are Learned Responses

Fear Takes On Many Forms

- ⌘ fear of success, failure, rejection, disease, future, life after death
- ⌘ Jesus described last days-times of intense, worldwide fear -Luke 21:26

Fear Produces Negative Effects

- ⌘ Fear paralyzes decision making, immobilizes action,
- ⌘ hinders prayer, limits faith, stifles joy, damages health
- ⌘ restricts relationships, lowers productivity



Because of Fear...



***and do not give
the devil an
opportunity.***

Ephesians 4:27

Because of Fear...

- ✚ Adam /Eve hid from God in Garden -Gen 3:8-10
- ✚ Israel forfeited Canaan -Num 14:20-25
- ✚ Ephraim turned back in the day of battle -Psa 78:9
- ✚ Saul's army fled from Goliath -1 Sam 17:8-10
- ✚ Elijah suffered depression -1 Kings 19:3-5
- ✚ Jonah ran from the call of God -Jonah 1:3
- ✚ Man w- one talent buried it in the ground -Matt 25:24
- ✚ Disciples- "*Master..care that we perish?*" -Mark 4:38
- ✚ Christ's disciples deserted Him at cross -Matt 26:56

What Do You Fear?

Fear

***Fear* factor**

What Do You Fear?

∞ In a World of Fear, God Speaks:

"Fear not; only believe!"

This was Christ's Message to Jairus...

"Fear not; only believe!" -Luke 8:50

∞ It's been said that...

"Fear Is The Distance Between A Man And God"

Fear factor

Door #1- Fear

FEAR



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Jesus entered, stood among them, and
said, "Peace to you."

John 20: 20

Door #1- Fear

FEAR

Most Common Commandment

∞ **365 times**

☐ **Rational Fear**

∞ **Protects**

∞ **Prioritizes**

☐ **Irrational Fear**

∞ **Paralyzes**

∞ **Prevents**

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AND YOU WILL
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Door #1- Fear

II Tim 1:7

Not Given Spirit of...

...Fear (*timidity* –spt inferiority)

But...

⌘ **Power**

⌘ **Love**

⌘ **Sound Mind**

Fear is the Opposite

⌘ **Weak**

⌘ **Self-centered**

⌘ **Confused**

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How Do I Close the Door?

Realize...

- ☐ **Fear is From Satan**
- ☐ **Fear is a Choice**
- ☐ **I DO NOT have to Accept IT!**

Choose...

Faith in God /

His Ability to Handle...

my Past, Present, Future

my Problems, my Giants

**THUS SAITH THE
LORD UNTO YOU, BE
NOT AFRAID NOR
DISMAYED BY REASON
OF THIS GREAT
MULTITUDE; FOR THE
BATTLE IS NOT
YOURS, BUT GOD'S.
2 CHRONICLES 20: 15**

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Paranoia-

- **Jeremiah 17:9-10 (MSG)** "The heart is hopelessly dark / deceitful, a puzzle that no one can figure out. But I, GOD, search the heart/ examine the mind.
- **Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)** You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!