

Edward Christian Church

Spiritual Warfare

Pt 7

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*)

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



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

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 vertical streaks of water 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.**

Every day Satan shows up

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

Door = Opportunity

There are 5 Doors

#1- Fear



Door #1- Fear



**GIVE YOUR
FEARS TO
THE LORD
AND YOU WILL
GET VICTORY
OVER THEM**

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

PRIDE OPENS HELL'S DOOR

REVELATION 15 & 16



REVELATION
A STORY IN 30 DAYS



THROUGH
THE BIBLE

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#1- Fear

#2- Pride

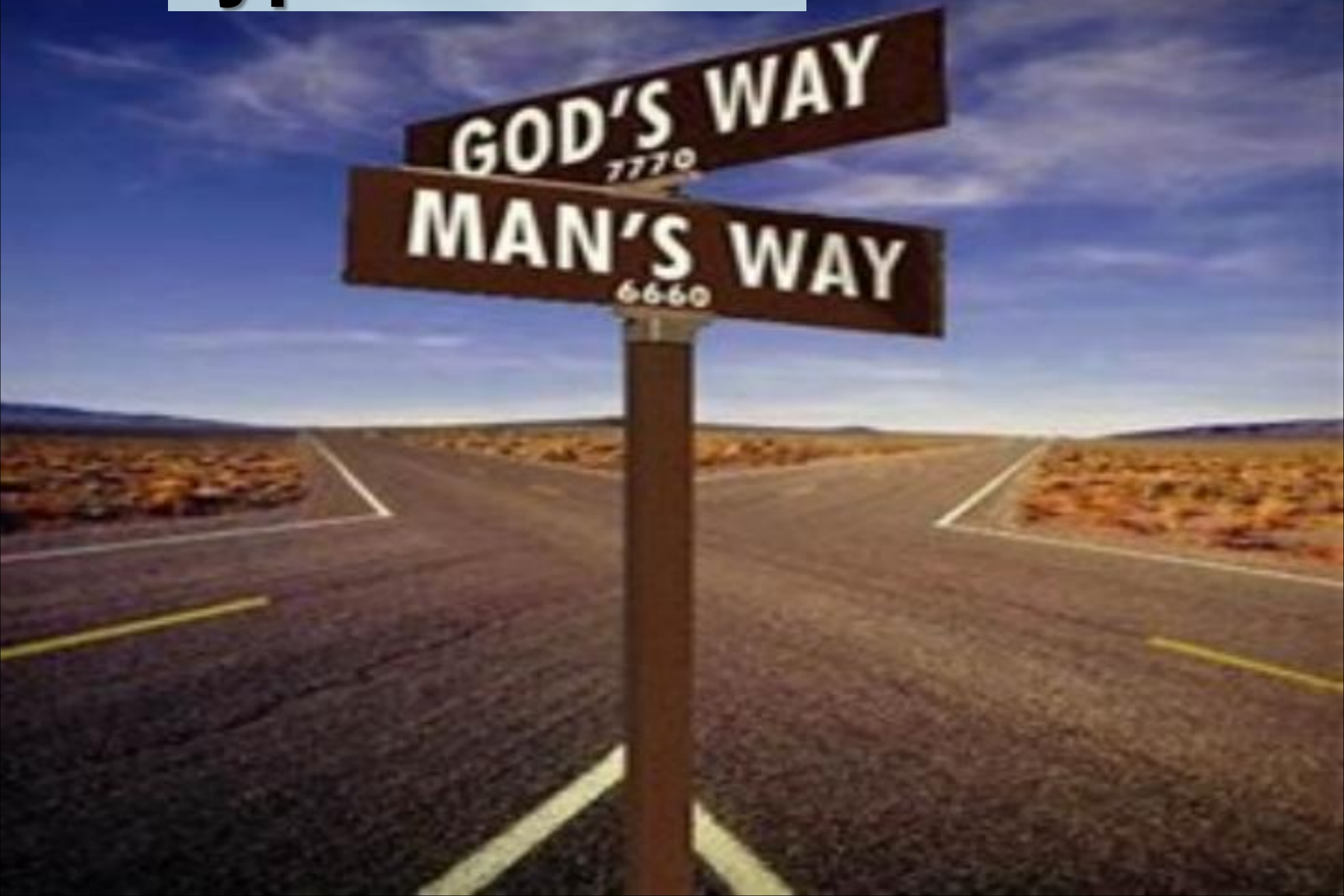
“Inflated Self-Interest”



PRIDE

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Types of Pride



Types of Pride

Healthy Pride

Leads to Sense of...

...Accomplishment

Unhealthy Pride

⌘ **Non-Aggressive**

⌘ **Aggressive**

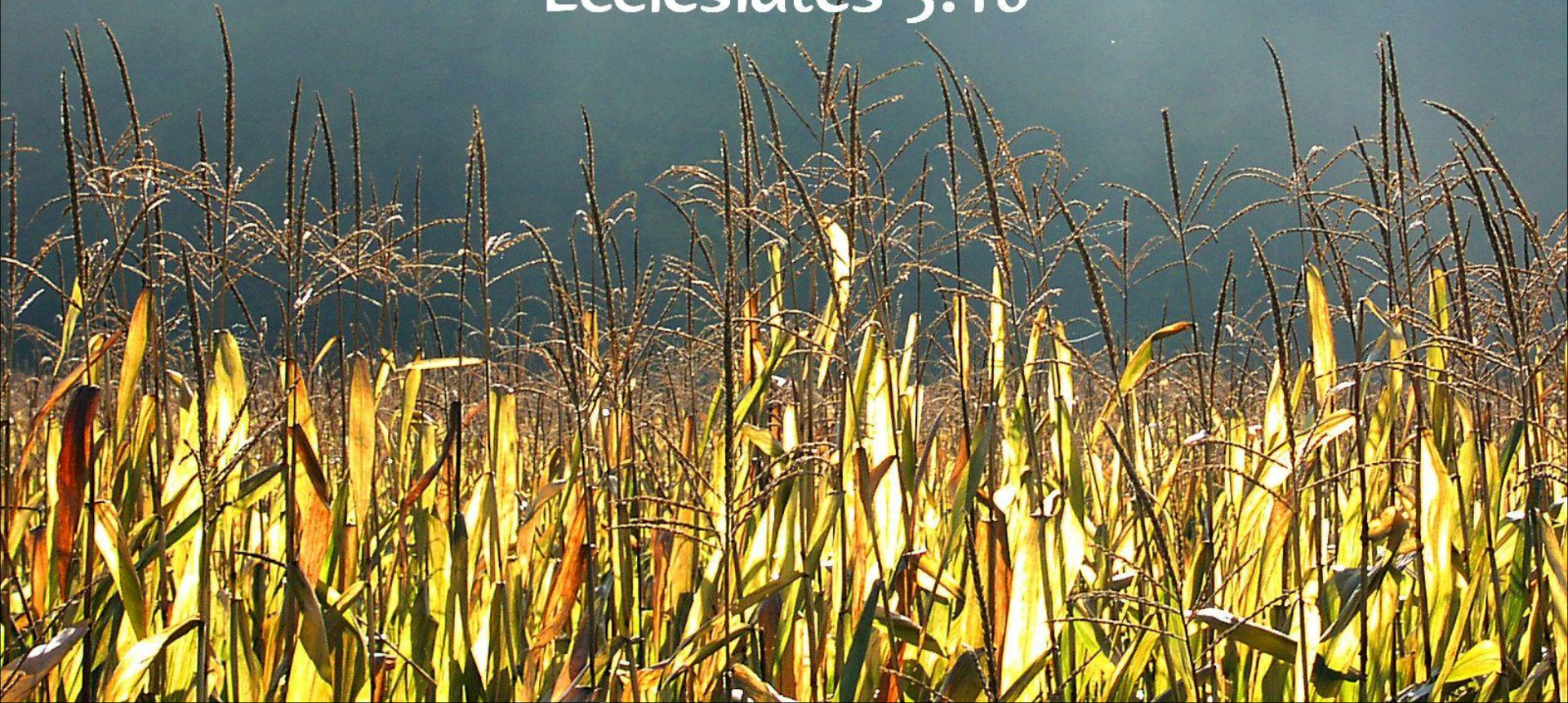
⌘ **Reverse**

Leads to Sense of...

...Arrogance (*Ego*)

Then I realized that it is good and proper
for a man to eat and drink, and to find
satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the
sun during the few days of life God has
given him- for this is his lot.

-Ecclesiastes 5:18



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for a man to

Healthy Pride

Sense of Accomplishment

✪ **Ecc 5:18-19**

It's a Gift from God...

✪ **to be Able to Work Hard and...**

...see the Results of Our Efforts.

✪ **take Pleasure in Our Achievements...**

...or Achievements of those Around Us

Always Keep Them in Perspective

Always Thank God for Them

**HUMILITY IS THE
BEST FORM OF
WARFARE; IT IS THE
ONLY THING THE
ENEMY CANNOT DO.**

UnHealthy Pride

Inflated Self Interest (Arrogance)

❑ Non-Aggressive

○ Peter - Luke 22

My Way...

...Best Way

Characteristics:

∞ Refuse Most Help

∞ Refuse Most Advice

Favorite Saying...

...I Know What I'm Doing !

Humility isn't
denying your
strengths

it's being
honest
about your
weaknesses

Quote by Rick Warren

Sermon  **quotes**

Humility UnHealthy Pride

Tendency to Lose Perspective

Forget to Give Thanks to God

How to Overcome ?

Regain Perspective

☐ **I am Human**

...He Is God

☐ **I am Prone to Fail**

...He Never Fails

Remember

☞ **My Way Not Always the Best Way!**

☞ **Regain Thanks to God**

**PROVERBS
29:23**



A person's pride
will bring about
his downfall, but
the humble in spirit
will gain honor.

UnHealthy Pride

PROVERBS

29:23 **Aggressive**

Uzziah (II Chron 26:19-21)

My Way...

...Only Way

Characteristics:

- ⌘ **Sabotage Most Help**
- ⌘ **Down Play Most Advice**

Favorite Saying...

...We are Going to Do It My Way!

A person has
TWO hands,

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One for *helping*
HIMSELF,

The other for
helping
OTHERS.



UnHealthy Pride

Reverse

Timothy -I Tim 1:7

My Way...

...Never the Way

Characteristics:

⌘ Afraid to Help

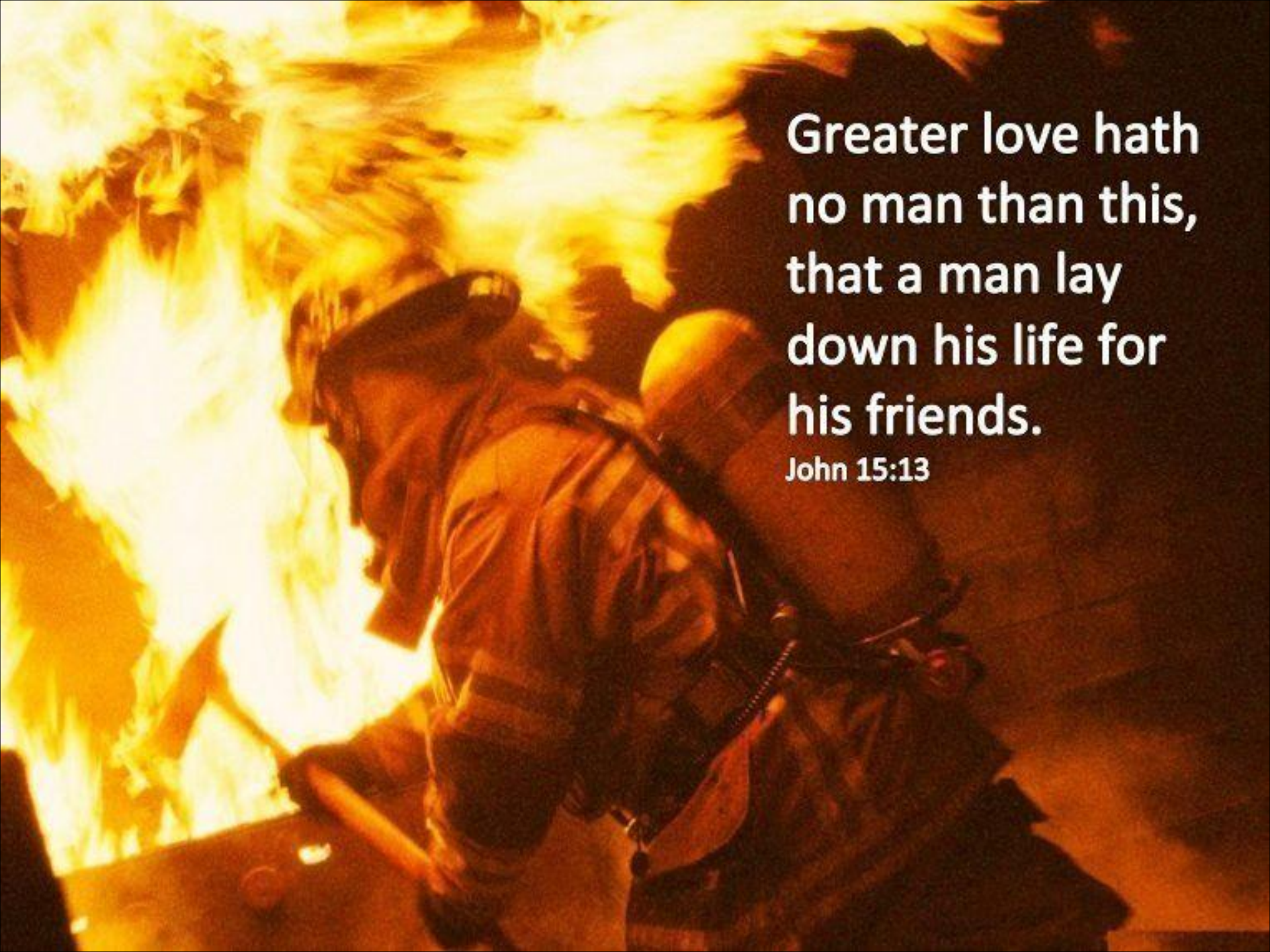
⌘ Afraid to Give Advice

Favorite Saying...

...They Never Do It My Way!

Four Key Questions

- ☐ **Am I in Competition w- Others**
 - Can I listen to opinion to others ?
 - With out attacking them?
 - Believing my opinion is the only one?
- ☐ **Do I Feel Self-Sufficient**
- ☐ **Do I Struggle w- Self Image**
- ☐ **Do I Choose Friends for..**
 - ∞ Appearance
 - ∞ Position
 - ∞ Performance



Greater love hath
no man than this,
that a man lay
down his life for
his friends.

John 15:13

Prescription for “I” Strain

How Do I Close the Door?

...True Biblical Humility

Biblical Humility...

...Does Not Mean

We Operate...

...Out of Weakness

...Does Mean

We Operate...

...Out of Strength

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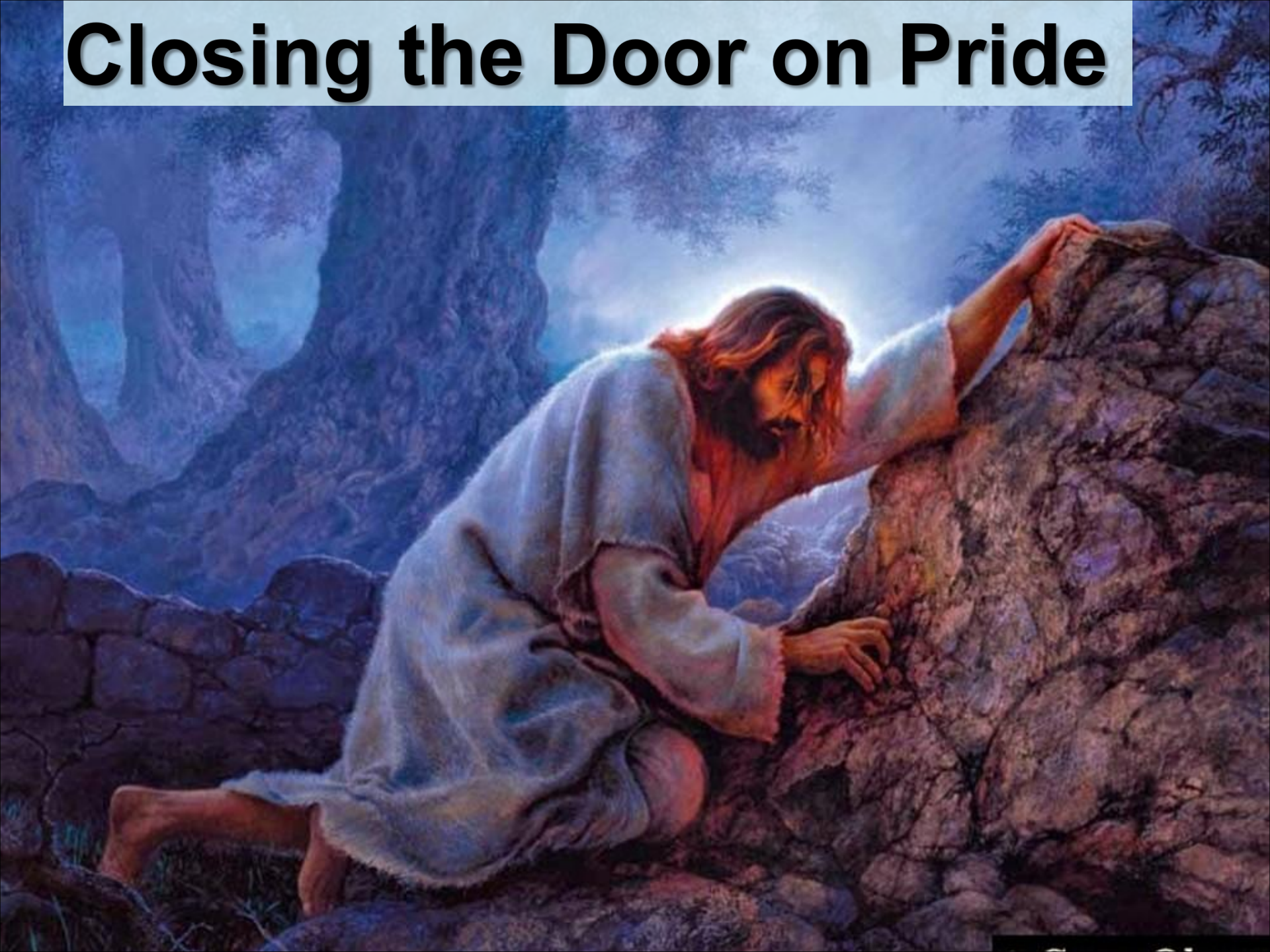
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Closing the Door on Pride



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Humility

⌘ Phil 2:6-8

Humility Defined...

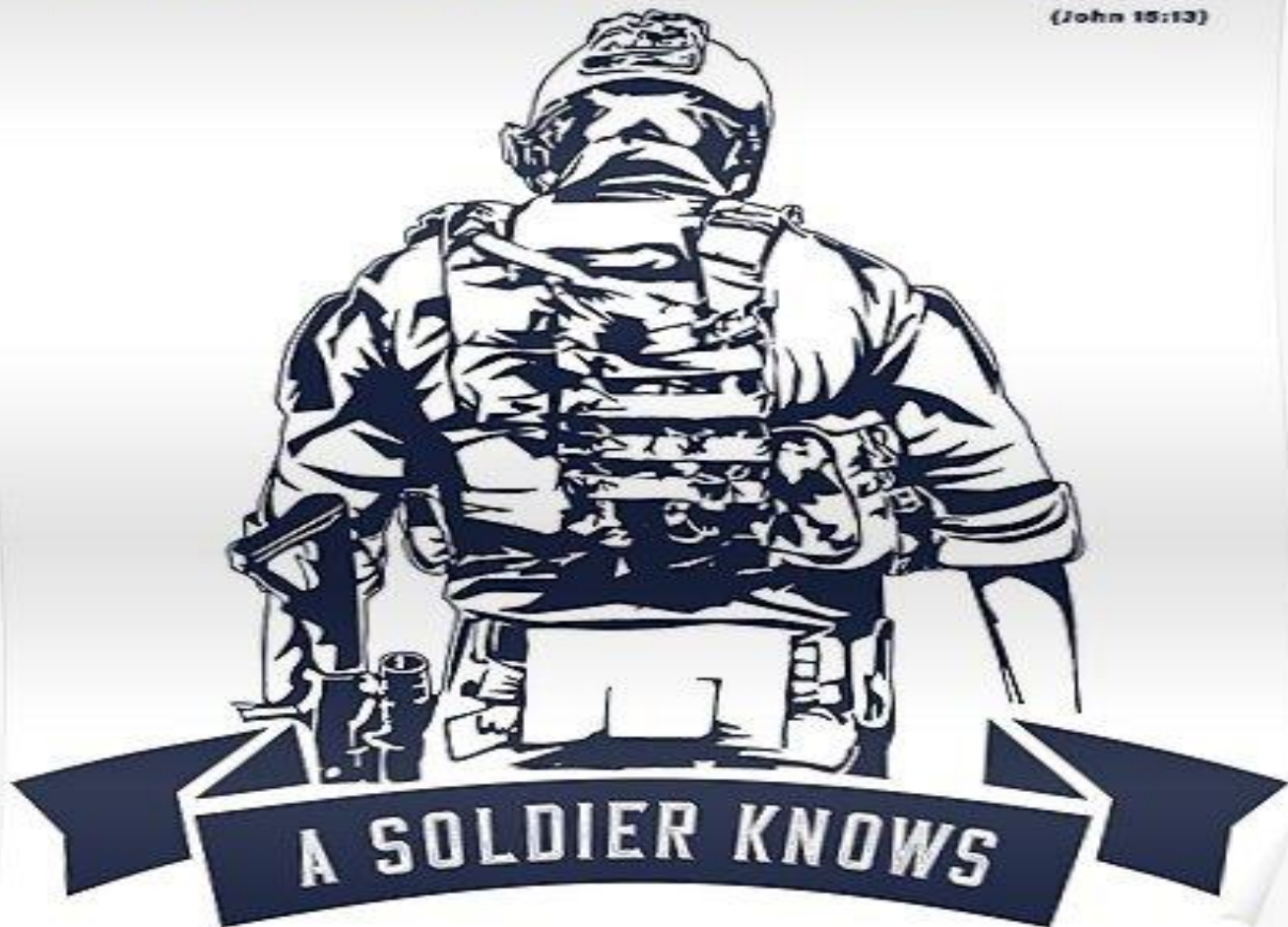
☐ Submission

“ My Father! If it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet I want your will, not mine.” **Matt 26:39**

⌘ Die to Self

**GREATER LOVE HATH
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THAT A MAN LAY DOWN
HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS**

(John 15:13)



Closing the Door on Pride

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✠ Submission

☐ Love

¹³ *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.* -John 15:13 (KJV)

✠ Do Unto Others

☐ Sacrifice

"No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will." John 10:18 Today's Eng Vers

✠ Do Unto Others First

A SOLDIER KNOWS

Closing the Door on Pride



Closing the Door on Pride

✠ Submission

✠ Love

✠ Sacrifice

James 4:6-7 (KJV)

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

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

You Will Close the Door!!!



Are you believing Leadership Myths?

leader = humble >>>

Humility means "the state of being humble." Both terms, humility and humble, originate from the Latin word *humilis*, meaning "low."

Myth #1:

☞ Humble people are losers, not as capable as others

Truth:

☞ The humble are lifted up by the Lord -James 4:10

Myth #2:

☞ Humble people end up as failures/ unimportant

Truth:

☞ The humble will one day be exalted -Matt 23:12

Myth #3:

☞ Humble people aren't as smart as others

Truth:

☞ The humble will grow in wisdom -Proverbs 11:2

Myth #4:

☞ "I" won't be victorious or successful as others

☞ **Truth:** The humble succeed in the end -Psalm 149:4

**PRIDE
KILLS
HUMILITY
HEALS**