How to Maintain Your Deliverance

1. Resist

Once demons are cast out- they will still try and influence you externally. Genesis 4:7 sin is crouching at the door, it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.

James 4:7 Submit to God resist the devil, and he will flee

You can't resist until you first submit.

Submission means you are aware of what you are for and what you are against. Submit-Strongs G5293- to obey, be under obedience

Joshua asked the man, "are you for us or for our enemies?" Joshua knew there were only 2 sides, but only saw it from a physical perspective.

The commander said No, I'm for the Lords army, in other words this isn't a flesh against flesh situation, but the kingdom of light versus darkness.

1John 2:15 if anyone loves the world, love *for* the Father is not in them. James 4:6 do you not know that friendship with the world is **enmity** with God? **Enmity**-Webster mutual hatred, or ill will? Strongs G2189- hostility, a reason for opposition, hatred

So how do you know when you've picked a side?

John 15:19 if you were of the world, the world would love you as its own, but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

We have to get honest.

You are a slave to who you obey. Romans 6:16

John14:23 if anyone loves me, he will keep my commandments

1John 2:4 whoever says 'I know him' but does not keep his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him.

2Kings 17:41 so these nations feared the Lord and also served their carved images...so they do to this day.

Ask Him: what do I still love that prevents me from fully submitting?

Realize the devil hates you.

His kingdom is designed to do one thing: kill steal and destroy you

You can't resist what you don't think is a threat!

Don't live a casual life with him. Jesus delivers us from our enemies, not our friends. When criminals get caught, they submit to police officers because they have to, not because they respect them.

1John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

-Deliverance is proof that He loves us

Psalm 41:11 by this I know that you delight in me, my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

The Lord is an Avenger- do you know Him like that?

Micah 7:8 "Rejoice not over me, o my enemy, when I fall, I shall rise when I sit in darkness the Lord will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him <u>until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me</u>. He will bring me out to the light. I shall look upon **his vindication**.

Did you know He wants to vindicate you now?

Proverbs 11:31 if the **righteous is repaid on earth** how much more the wicked and the sinner.

The vindication is NOW, not just in heaven.

Psalm 18/2Samuel 22-Song of Deliverance 4 main parts

1. Verse 1-6 we cry out to Him

Resisting is NOT an empty cry

Psalm 37:17 when the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them from ALL their troubles.

Hebrews 12:16-17 "see to it that no one is ...unholy like Esau who sold his birthright. For you know that afterward when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Exodus 9:27 Pharoah says, "this time I have sinned, the Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong, plead with the Lord...

Exodus 9:34 As soon as the hail and thunder stopped, Pharoah sinned yet again and hardened his heart.

Exodus 10:3 Moses and Aaron went in to Pharoah and said: thus says the Lord, how long will you refuse to humble yourself before me?

Hosea 7:14 they do not cry to me from the heart, but they wail upon their beds...they return but not upward

Their devotion wasn't sincere! Their crying for relief not repentance.

2. His response to our need for deliverance

Verse 7- He is angry- with who? Not us, the enemy!

Verse 17- "He rescued me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me."

Verse 19- He rescued me because He delighted in me.

3. Verse 20-36 When we start to believe the Truth

Verse 20-He deals with us according to our righteousness.

Verse 34-He trains my hands for war

4. Verse 37-48 Resist the enemy and he will flee (James 4:7)

Verse 37- I pursued my enemies and overtook them

Verse 38- I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise

Verse 42- I beat them as fine dust before the wind, I CAST THEM OUT!

5. Verse 43-50 The fruit of a consecrated life

Verse 44- as soon as people heard of me, they obeyed me, foreigners came cringing to me.

Verse 45- Foreigners lost heart

Verse 49- For this I will praise you!

2. Replace (Fill the house with Jesus instead of the demonic).

This filling is not a "one and done"

This is the responsibility of the person who just got delivered.

What are filled with?

Acts 2:4 and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

What is the purpose of the filling?

Acts 1:8 and you shall be **filled with power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

The power of the Spirit was manifest in the 9 gifts of the Spirit:

Word of wisdom

Word of knowledge

Faith

Healing

Miracles
Prophecy
Discerning of Spirits
Tongues
Interpretation of Tongues

Why was this important for us to have?

Demons hate the gifts of the Spirit because <u>they counteract the work of demons.</u>
Acts 16 slave girl with divination spirit ie Discerning of spirits/ word of knowledge.... **exposes their presence.**

Acts 3- lame beggar ie Gifts of healing, miracles, faith and wisdom ... undoes their evil action.

Acts 21 Agabus tells Paul he will be bound in Jerusalem ie, Word of prophecy with tongues and interpretation.... exposes their plans to bring harm.

If the house is not filled can a demon come back in?

Matthew 12: 43-45 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man he walks through dry places seeking rest and finding none then he said I will return into my house from once I came out and when he is come he find it empty swept and garnished then he go with you and take it with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself and they enter in and dwell there and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Empty, swept and garnished means the house is in good shape.

So how did the demons get back in? They went out, they weren't cast out!

I live in an apartment and I have the keys to come and go as I want. I can even invite friends to come over. If the owner of the apartment building took my keys and evicted me, I would not be able to go and come as I please.

You can fill the house with Jesus and still give the enemy permission by reopening a door.

Gone out- means you haven't closed the door for good.