

Dealing with a Disarmed Devil

Many Christians live as though the battle is still undecided. But the truth is, Jesus already won. The question is not whether victory is possible. The question is whether you know what has already been done on your behalf.

Why the Battle Doesn't Belong to You

The victory over sin, death, and the enemy was secured by Jesus Christ. His entire life was an act of surrender to the Father's will. Every day, He chose not His own desires but the Father's. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He said, "Not my will, but Your will be done." That was not a one-time prayer. It was the pattern of His whole life.

He was mocked by His own brothers. He was falsely accused. He was led to the cross without defending Himself. He did all of this for us, because we could not do it for ourselves.

Our job now is not to win the battle. It is to enforce the victory He already secured.

What Does "Not My Will, But Your Will" Look Like in Real Life?

Surrendering your will to God starts with something as simple as your mouth. Jesus said He only spoke what He heard the Father say. That was a daily choice. Many times, missing it in life starts with what comes out of our mouths.

When we stop trying to do things our way and surrender to His way, God is able to work in and through our lives. Our own efforts are often what get in the way of what He wants to do.

Jesus is not just a religious figure or a good luck charm. He is our Master, our Mentor, and our role model. If you are looking for someone to pattern your life after, you have already found Him.

What Did Jesus Actually Accomplish at the Cross?

Colossians 2 lays it out clearly. Paul prays that believers would be filled with the knowledge of God's will, walk worthy of the Lord, and be strengthened with all might according to His glorious power. But the passage goes even further.

Colossians 2:13-15 says: "And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

Notice the tense. He has delivered. He has made alive. He has forgiven. These are not future promises. They are past-tense realities.

Has God Already Forgiven Every Sin?

Yes. Every sin you have ever committed, and every sin you ever will commit, has already been forgiven through the blood of Jesus. The tragedy is that countless people go through life, and even into eternity, carrying sins that have already been paid for. They simply never received what was already provided.

This is why sharing the gospel matters so much. People cannot receive what they have never heard. You may be the only person who ever speaks the name of Jesus to someone in faith. Do not assume someone else will do it. Do not assume it will just happen on its own.

What Does It Really Mean to Believe in Jesus?

Believing in Jesus is not a casual acknowledgment. Even demons believe He exists, and it does nothing for them. Real belief is like a person on a crashing plane who puts on a parachute and jumps. They are trusting that parachute with their life. That is the kind of faith we are talking about. Full dependency. Full trust. Not taking salvation for granted or treating it like a religious habit.

He has qualified us. We did not earn the right to stand in God's presence. He made us worthy. As Colossians 1:12 says, "Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light."

How Has the Devil Been Disarmed?

The word "disarmed" in Colossians 2:15 carries the idea of stripping away. Jesus did not just defeat the enemy in battle. He stripped him of his weapons, his power, and his ability to hold mankind captive. He then made a public spectacle of him.

The Amplified Bible puts it this way: "When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, those supernatural forces of evil operating against us, He made a public example of them, exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession, having triumphed over them through the cross."

This is why James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." The Amplified version adds that he will flee as in terror. He is not fleeing because you are powerful on your own. He is fleeing because he knows what Jesus did to Him. He has been stripped. He has no weapons left.

Who Can Bring a Charge Against You?

Romans 8:31-34 asks the question directly: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."

The devil's only tools now are lies and deception. He has no real accusation that can stick. He has no weapon that can prosper against you. When guilt, shame, or condemnation tries to attach itself to you, that is the moment to open your mouth and declare what the Word says.

Why You Should Stop Saying "The Devil Is Attacking Me"

When you understand what Jesus has done, the language you use changes. Saying the devil is attacking you positions you as a victim. But the Bible says you are more than a conqueror through Him who loved you. Romans 8:37 does not say you will be a conqueror someday. It says you are one right now.

You have been delivered from the power of darkness. You have been translated into the kingdom of God's Son. You have been seated in a heavenly place with authority over all evil spirits. That is not a future position. That is your current reality.

Start speaking what the Bible says. The devil is under your feet. You are on the attack. You are enforcing a victory that has already been won.

What Can We Learn from Joshua and Caleb?

When the children of Israel stood at the edge of the Promised Land, most of them saw giants and felt like grasshoppers. But Joshua and Caleb saw something different. They saw a land already given to them by God. They said in Numbers 14:9, "Do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread. Their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them."

Their protection has departed from them. That is the key phrase. The spiritual forces that backed those nations were already gone. The people were just humans with swords. But Israel had the hosts of heaven.

That same boldness belongs to you. The enemy has been disarmed. His protection has departed. You have everything you need to go in and possess what God has promised you. Stop retreating. Start advancing.

Life Application

This week, pay attention to the words you speak about your circumstances. Every time you are tempted to say the devil is attacking you, or that things are hopeless, or that you cannot overcome, stop and replace that statement with what the Word of God actually says about you. Declare out loud that you are more than a conqueror, that no weapon formed against you will prosper, and that the devil has been disarmed by Jesus Christ.

Also, think of one person in your life who has not heard the gospel. Commit to finding a moment this week to share your faith with them. Do not assume someone else will do it.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I living as though the battle has already been won, or am I still trying to fight it in my own strength?
- Are there areas of my life where I am still doing things my way instead of surrendering to God's will?
- Is there guilt, shame, or condemnation I have been carrying that I need to release by receiving what Jesus has already provided?
- Is there someone in my life who needs to hear the gospel, and am I willing to be the one who speaks up?

The victory is not coming. It is already here. Walk in it.

Quotes

1. You do not have to win the victory; Jesus already won it for you.
2. Jesus did the heavy lifting so you could live in the victory He secured.
3. Victory begins with, "Not my will, but Yours be done."
4. Jesus only said what He heard the Father say.
5. He did not defend Himself; He went silently like a lamb to the slaughter.
6. Jesus did it all for you, not for Himself.
7. Our thing often gets in the way of His thing, and His thing is always better.
8. You do not have to defend or exalt yourself; God will do both in His time.
9. The first place to discover God's will is always His Word.
10. He has delivered us from darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His Son.
11. When you feel bound, declare what God says: "I am free."
12. Jesus paid for every sin mankind would ever commit.
13. Salvation is not about doing more; it is about believing in Him.
14. You do not merely believe about Jesus; you trust Him with your life and eternity.

15. Jesus disarmed the powers of darkness and stripped them of their authority.
16. The enemy flees when you resist him because Jesus has already stripped him of his power over you.
17. Who can bring a charge against God's elect when God Himself justifies?
18. We are not going to be more than conquerors; we are more than conquerors right now.
19. The devil's weapons are lies and deception, so know the Word, speak the Word, and live from Christ's victory.
20. Their protection has departed from them; the enemy has been disarmed.

Verses

1. Colossians 2:13
2. Colossians 2:14
3. Colossians 2:15
4. Colossians 1:9
5. Colossians 1:10
6. Colossians 1:11
7. Romans 8:31
8. Romans 8:33
9. Romans 8:35
10. Romans 8:37
11. Romans 8:38
12. Numbers 14:1
13. Numbers 14:3
14. Numbers 14:5
15. Numbers 14:7
16. Numbers 14:9

Summary

Jesus did not just die for us. He lived every single day in complete surrender to the Father, doing what we could not do for ourselves. Through the cross, He disarmed every principality and power, stripped the enemy of his weapons, and secured a victory that is already done. Colossians 2 makes it clear in past tense: you have been made alive, forgiven, and delivered. Romans 8 declares that you are more than a conqueror right now, not someday. The devil has no weapons left and no legitimate charge to bring against you. The only thing he has is lies, and if you do not fall for them, he has nothing. Start speaking what the Bible says and live from the victory that has already been won.