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**Daily Devotional**

*“Enemy Fire” – Joe Jordan*

ANNCR: May 6th, “Enemy Fire.” C.S. Lewis once stated, “The enemy will not see you vanish into God’s company without an effort to reclaim you.” What Lewis is referring to here is Satan’s determination to keep us in his ranks. His fight is against God, but the more of us he can pull down into destruction, the greater he believes himself to be. As Christians, we have marked ourselves as opponents to Satan’s regime. And this makes us a target. Today we’ll meet a man whose journey to salvation and walk with Christ were marked by many hurdles. But there is hope. He’s here to share with us his true story on this Unshackled Daily Devotional.

JOE: I’m Joe Jordan, and my drunken father used to beat my mother and chase me around the house, night after night; so I learned to run from adversity. Mom sent me to church, but I learned nothing there that helped me cope with the horror at home. Sports became my outlet.

As a teenager, I hung around with kids who smoke and drank and I soon quit going to church. I was put on probation for fighting in the

eighth grade. My sister helped me go to a Christian camp where I realized the other boys had something I didn't have – and I wanted it. I crawled into my bunk one night and asked God to forgive me and save me. Mom was glad about my salvation; Dad was indifferent.

The next summer I went to camp again and was fired up about serving Christ until one of my friends was killed. I had never shared Christ with him, and guilt drove me away from God. I drank, smoked, skipped church. Then, the next summer, I was asked to be a camp counselor. Feeling scared and accountable, I prayed, asking God's forgiveness for my sinful lifestyle. He gave me a whole new outlook on life, and I was a camp counselor every summer after that.

But Dad's drinking and abuse grew worse, and Mom tried to commit suicide. And then – incredibly – while I was at Bible college, Mom and Dad both gave their lives to Christ. Even so, Dad died of cirrhosis of the liver. God has given me a wife and three children, and we served the Lord in Argentina for 20 years. Now I am Director of the very ministry whose camping program introduced me to the Savior.

ANNCR: The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians chapter 6, verses 10 and 11, *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”* Friend, we are Satan’s adversary. When we received Jesus as our Savior, we made clear our position against him. And he wants nothing more than to take us down. But now, God Himself lives in us, and we have been given every weapon necessary to defeat Satan at this war he insists on fighting. So stand firm, be encouraged...and be ready for battle. Will you receive this truth today?

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