



Title: Satan Attacks Our Will

Main Scripture: Mark 7:20-30

Satan attacks our will.

(Mk 7:20-23, Gen 3:4-7, Jam 1:13-17)

Satan attacks our will with pride.

(Isa 14:12-15)

Satan attacks our will with pride so that we ignore the best path for life.

(Prov 14:12)

We fight back with the humility of Jesus.

(Phil 2:1-11, Isa 53:10-12)

We can choose humility with Jesus' help.

(Mk 7:24-30, Rom 12:1-3, Phil 2:13)

A Prayer to Heal Your Will

1. Protect: Lord Jesus, protect me from the devil's attack.
2. Help: Lord Jesus, please help me to surrender my will to Your will.
3. Admit: Lord Jesus, I admit that I have chosen myself over You in the following ways _____.
4. Confess: Lord Jesus, I confess my pride and selfishness now.
5. Ask for forgiveness: Lord Jesus, please forgive me and cleanse me from any forces of darkness now in Jesus' name.
6. Surrender and strengthen: Lord Jesus, I humbly surrender my will to You. I ask that You would strengthen my will to do Your will today. Thank You that I can trust You. You are good.

*For it is God who works in you
to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*

Philippians 2:13

“Satan Attacks Our Will”

February 4 & 5, 2023

Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 7:20-30

Prayer: *Father, we thank You for your grace and goodness. Lead us as we read, discern and discuss this passage together. May we hear your heart and your truth for us, in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

Icebreaker: How would you describe your will (i.e. wallflower, stubborn, useless, powerful...)?

Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. God created us to have agency, volition, will. What are the benefits of having been created with the power to choose? How does God want us to use this power?
2. In Genesis 3:4-7, we see how the enemy entices us to go against God’s instructions with temptation that looks good and seems wise. In Mark 7:20-23, we are given a list of evil thoughts that reside within. James 1:13-15 states that it’s our own evil desires that leads to sin and death. What stands out to you about how temptation, sin, and evil are described?
3. Many people believe their goodness is a valid reason for them to be reconciled to God and that their sin is no big deal. How does this reflect pride (*Fusio* – puffing up, an exaggerated sense of self, the groundless inflation of self by one’s flesh nature)?
4. Pride tells us we can be like God and that we don’t need God. Pastor Craig listed acceptance, protection, validation, value, and purpose as some of our core needs. Which of these needs is it easier for you to rely on God to meet? Where is it more of a struggle?
5. Jesus yielded his will to the Father’s, demonstrating his humility and love (Phil 2:1-11; Isa 53:10-12). When you or someone you know uses their will/agency/volition in humility and love, yielded to God, what does that look like?
6. Where are you relying on yourself instead of God (perhaps through passivity, rebellion, or woundedness)? How can you seek Jesus’ help in this with humility and boldness?

Personal Reflection:

- How have you used or failed to use your agency/volition/will in godly or ungodly ways?
- What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what Jesus is showing you?
- What word, phrase, verse or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

Prayer: *Spend some time praying for one another. Ask God to heal your will, restoring it to his original design for you. Consider blessing each other with Philippians 2:13.*

Heartland *Pregnancy Care Centre* Shower
List of Items for 2023
Please bring all items by Sunday, February 26.

Gently-Used Items

- Newborn to 18-month clothes (outfits, sleepers, onesies, snowsuits)
- Crib sheets & mattress covers
- Receiving blankets
- Breast pumps (sanitized)
- Baby hooded bath towels
- Maternity clothes
- Nursing bras & tops
- Baby play/floor mats
- Baby monitors

New Items

- Nursing bras & pads
- Adult toothpaste
- Adult toothbrushes (packaged individually)
- Grocery gift cards
- Mother gifts (mugs, tea, hot cocoa, journals, colourful pens, fuzzy socks/slippers, scrunchies, bath salts/bombs)
- Newborn to 18-month clothes (outfits, sleepers, onesies)
- Baby socks
- Small bibs & burp cloths
- Receiving blankets
- Crib sheets & mattress covers
- Baby face cloths
- Baby hooded bath towels
- Baby winter wear
- Small toys/rattles/teethers (handheld)
- Baby shampoo, wash, lotion

Office Items

- Hand soap
- Toilet paper
- Scotch tape
- Paper towel
- Air freshener (spray)
- White out

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