

January 8, 2023
Kryptonite: Week 1

I'm not sure there isn't anyone here today that's not a fan of Superman?!

Known as the Man of Steel, he could do anything!

Whenever there was trouble or the world was under attack, Superman was called on to save the day.

No one, nothing, could stop him, except for one thing... Kryptonite.

In its best-known form, it is a green, crystalline material originating from Superman's home world of Krypton that emits a unique, poisonous radiation that weakens all Kryptonians.

The longer they are exposed to it, the weaker they will get, even to the point of death.

Here's the QUESTION of this series: What's your Kryptonite?

What is the one thing in your life that hinders you from living out your God-Given Purpose?

The truth is, every person has some kind of Kryptonite that can adversely affect their life.

In the comic book world, if there is a force that can stop Superman's powers, I think we understand that there are REAL forces out to stop YOU and ME from living out the LIFE God has always intended for us to live!

Let's look at how this is revealed in Scripture.

I. Moses' Kryptonite was Insecurity, the Fear of Rejection

Exodus 3:7-8,10,13 (NIV)

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey... So now, GO. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"... Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

II. David, and his son Solomon, Samson, all battled Sexual Issues

Who do these guys represent?

- A. Samson, the strongest man who ever lived

- B. David, a man after God's own heart
- C. Solomon, the Wisest man who ever lived

The Strongest man who ever lived, the Wisest man who ever lived, the Purest heart of any man who ever lived, and Self Pleasure was the downfall of them all!

III. Gideon's Kryptonite was being overwhelmed by DOUBT and INFERIORITY.

The Angel declared over Gideon that he was a Mighty Warrior! Gideon said, excuse me, are you talking to me? You must be mistaken!

Judges 6:14-15 (NIV)

The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

Question: Do you know how God dealt with him?

You would think that God would bless him with an overwhelming army, tens of thousands of exceptional soldiers.

God kept taking more soldiers away!

WHY? God wants us to rely on his Voice, His Plan, and His Power!

IV. Paul was a slave to his Past

He said this in *1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)*: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

1 Corinthians 15:9 (NIV)

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

We don't think about Paul ever taking three Steps forward, and two Steps backward, but how many can relate?

- Some of you should be doing way more than what you're doing.
- Some of you should be way farther than where you're at.
- Some of you should be leading much more than what you're doing...

But like Paul at times, you become a product of your PAST!

So what HOPE do we have?

YOUR Kryptonite is no match for YOUR JESUS!

REMEMBER: The longer they are exposed to it, the weaker they will get, even to the point of death. You'll start stepping into your destiny, your God-Given destiny!