

THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **“Seduction: Exposing The Enemy of My Promise”**

Subtitle: **What About Your Friends? Don't Get Caught Without One!**

Scripture: **1 Timothy 4:1 AMPC**

Speaker: **Pastor Ted Winsley**

Date: **April 28, 2024**

Read 1 Timothy 4:1 AMPC But the [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach,

Introduction

The word teaches that we must guard our hearts and discipline our lives against the spirit of seduction. This Spirit drives people to willfully choose bondage and pain while forfeiting freedom and fulfillment. Today, we will continue to reclaim our promise by exposing the enemy called seduction.

When seduction is in operation, the one thing most needed to break the hold of seduction is a wake-up call.

Wake-up call #4: You know you are being seduced when your **faithful** friends are troubled by your **behavior!**

Read John 15:13 NIV Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Friend - a person who absolutely wants everything **for** you and nothing **from** you!

Read Proverbs 27:5-6 NLT An open rebuke is better than hidden love! 6 Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.

4 Behaviors That Will Trigger A Faithful Friend!

Trigger #1: You **stop** doing something you have **always** done!

- When a person is being seduced their consistent behavior becomes **inconsistent** with what they say they **believe**. (behavior always exposes beliefs)

Trigger #2: You **start** doing something you have **never** done before!

Read Galatians 5:7-8 KJV Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.

- When confronted while under the **influence**, often the friend is perceived as an **enemy**.

Genesis 4:4-7 NLTThe Lord accepted Abel and his gift, 5 but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected. 6 “Why are you so angry?” the Lord asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected?”

Trigger #3: You are more volatile, **emotional**, and **touchy** than usual!

7 You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”

- Seduction creates **pressure** that builds and eventually **blows** into negative actions!!!

Trigger #4. You give **weak** answers to **serious** questions.

- Seduction will use **disrespect** as a defense mechanism in order to maintain **control** by pushing people away that you need to **respect** and listen to!

Breaking the hold of Seduction: Heeding the Voice of my Best Friend!

Read Galatians 3:1-3 & 13-14 NLT Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. 2 Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. 3 How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”[a] 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO MID-WEEK SERVICE - We will not have in-person service on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Please join us on YouTube or Facebook.

A QUEEN'S BRUNCH - Join Pastor Dawn as we celebrate womanhood on Sat., May 4th at 9 am. You will enjoy a word from Dr. Anita Phillips, as seen on Oprah's Super Soul Podcast, Sarah Jakes-Roberts' Woman Evolve Conference, and much more! Young ladies are welcomed 13 and up. Register online www.thefamilychurchnj.com/events or on our mobile app.

GRAVE YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - Join us at Sandy Cove, MD as we take time to fellowship, worship, and renew our mental, physical, and spiritual health on Aug. 21-23. View registration for more information and payment details. Register online at www.thefamilychurchnj.com/events or on our mobile app.

HELP UGANDA - Support Pastors Ted & Dawn Winsley as they go on a mission trip to Uganda Africa from June 24th - July 9th. If you would like to sow, please give on any of our giving platforms below.

TRANSLATION MINISTRY - Spanish Translation is available every last Sunday of the month, both services.

Next Step Classes - Next Step classes will be offered at 9:30 am. For more information, register through our mobile app. Or, send any inquiries to adulthoodeducation@thefamilychurchnj.com



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Holy Communion

1st Sunday of the Month

Devotion/Prayer

Corporate Prayer Every Saturday 8 am – 8:30 am

Conference call line 267.807.9605 and access code 114853

Last Saturday of the month 8 am – 9 am In person

Mission Statement

The Family Church is a Local Community with a Biblical Mandate to Change Our World by Restoring God's Family!

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