

## THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

Title: **Closing Open Doors: Live Like You Have a Promise**

Subtitle: **Closing the Doors Part 4**

Scripture: **Matthew 6:6 KJV**

Speaker: **Pastor Ted Winsley**

Date: **January 21, 2024**

**Matthew 6:6 KJV** 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

### Introduction

Jesus is teaching that even when we have been given a covenant promise, our prayer life, and the ability to believe God will be hindered until we shut open doors! Open doors keep us living in the **past** making it almost impossible to believe and receive the promises that God has already made available.

Today, we will continue to “Live like we have a promise,” to close every open door!

### Understanding the tactics of the enemy. What is the end game?

**John 10:10 AMPC** The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy.....

**Steal-** (klepto)- to take what is **unguarded**/unprotected. (make this one slide)

**Kill-** (thuo) to slay, death that only comes from **surrender**.

**Destroy-** (appolumi)- a massacre, a death that **scars** and leaves an impression of fear on all who **view** it!

People often say what does not kill you makes you stronger, when the truth is, trauma/life unchecked leaves inward **tattoos**.

**Inward tattoos** - are the emotional **scars** impressed on our souls from the traumas of life that **identify** us, and make it difficult to believe for a better future because your **past** has **tattooed** you!

Your destiny and God's promise for you life is far greater than your past

**Read Matthew 12:43-45 AMPC** 3 But when the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, it roams through dry [arid] places in search of rest, but it does not find any. 44 Then it says, I will go back to my house from which I came out. And when it arrives, it finds the place unoccupied, swept, put in order, and decorated. 45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more wicked

than itself, and they go in and make their home there. And the last condition of that man becomes worse than the first. So also shall it be with this wicked generation.

Our inward tattoos **keep** the door open and cause our future to become **worse** than our past.

- These tattoos cause us to make a bitterroot **judgment**.
- Bitterroot judgments lead to bitterroot **expectancy**.

We must make up our minds to no longer play the victim!

### Shutting open doors is the acknowledgment that something died.

**Read Romans 6:1-3 AMPC** What shall we say [to all this]? Are we to remain in sin in order that God's grace (favor and mercy) may multiply and overflow? 2 Certainly not! How can we who died to sin live in it any longer? 3 Are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

When we accept Jesus into our hearts, we are baptized/**identified** in Christ!

(We must shut the door to our old life) (we must change our confession)

The Cross is not just our salvation, the cross is also for our **deliverance**!

**Read Romans 6:4-7 AMPC** 4 We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious [power] of the Father, so we too might [habitually] live and behave in newness of life. 5 For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be [one with Him in sharing] His resurrection [by a new life lived for God]. 6 We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. 7 For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from [the power of] sin [among men].

The first step to shut the door to our past is by acknowledging a **death** and a **rebirth** have taken place at the same time!

Inward tattoos cannot **remain** on a dead man/woman who has returned back to life! The old is dead and **gone**! God has given you a new heart!

**Romans 6:10-11 AMPC** For by the death He died, He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all; and the life that He lives, He is living to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him].<sup>11</sup> Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin *and* your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TFC's 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting** - Begins Jan. 8th - Jan 28, 2024.

Please join us for prayer on our prayer line Monday – Friday at 5:30 am, 12:30 pm Mid-day devotional via TFC's Facebook and YouTube, and 9:30 pm wherever you are, stop and pray for 3 minutes. We will end with a Night of Worship on Sun., Jan. 28th at 6 pm.

**FREEDOM EXPERIENCE** - Begins Feb. 6th (Tues.) & 8th (Thurs.) via Zoom. ENCOUNTER WEEKEND at TFC, Mar. 15th & 16th (FRI., 7-9 PM & SAT., 9 AM - 2 PM). To register, visit [www.thefamilychurchnj.com](http://www.thefamilychurchnj.com) or the mobile app today.

**BODY & SOUL BOOT CAMP:** Come out and experience intense workouts that consist of calisthenics, cardio, and strength training. All workouts will incorporate music under the instruction of Herb Cole. Workouts for ages 16+ Sat. Jan. 6 - Mar. 30, 11-12 PM @ TFC. Bring a mat & bottle of water.

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**Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

**21 Days of Prayer & Fasting**

Corporate Prayer **In-Person**

Saturday, Jan. 20th and 27th (8 am – 9 am)

Conference call line 267.807.9605 and access code 114853

Daily 5:30 am

**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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