

## THE FAMILY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

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

Subtitle: **Closing The Doors on Inward Tattoos and The Old Man**

Scripture: **Matthew 12:43-45 (AMPC)**

Speaker: **Pastor Ted Winsley**

Date: **January 24, 2024**

### Introduction

We learned that Open doors keep us living in the **past** making it almost impossible to believe and receive the promises that God has already made available. We learned that our past creates inward tattoos that keep doors open to the enemy creating a future that is worse than our past

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

**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!

(Demonstration with the door)

**Read Matthew 12:43-45 (AMPC)** 43 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.

**The truth is our destiny and God's promise for our lives is far greater than our past**

**Colossians 3:8-10 & 12,13 (KJV)** 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

- It is possible to be **saved** but still live like the **old** man,
- Until we close the door, we cannot **expect** anything new to **last!**

10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

- We close doors by **renewing** our minds in the **Knowledge** (epignosis-**discernment**) of Him, not your past!

....12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*

- Doors don't close unless something comes **off** and something comes on to take its **place!**

**Read Ephesians 4:22-25 (AMPC)** 22 Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; 23 And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude], 24 And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body and members one of another.

Closing doors means new: **conversations**, experience's, thoughts, **plans** that override old **memories** and inward tattoos !

- When doors begin to close the Holy Spirit is able to show you that He has **Marked** /tattooed you with the image of God empowering you to live like **you!!**

**Ephesians 4:30-32 (AMPC)** 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden Him], by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God's own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin). 31 Let all bitterness and indignation and wrath (passion, rage, bad temper) and resentment (anger, animosity) and quarreling (brawling, clamor, contention) and slander (evil-speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will, or baseness of any kind). 32 And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you.

### **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.

**TRANSLATION MINISTRY** - Spanish Translation is available every last Sunday of the month, both services. Traducción en español está disponible los últimos domingos del mes, ambos servicios.

**Next Step Classes** - Are you interested in learning more about the vision and mission of The Family Church? Then, register for the Next Step classes. Effective February 4th, Next Step classes will be offered at 9:30 am. For more information, register through our mobile app. Or, send any inquiries to [adulteducation@thefamilychurchnj.com](mailto:adulteducation@thefamilychurchnj.com)



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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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