

I. Introduction

A. Opening thoughts to consider

1. Receiving from the Lord is only one part of our walk of faith.
2. Once we have received from the Lord, it is our responsibility to **MAINTAIN** it. Not win it, but to maintain it. It has been freely given to us, but we must refuse to allow the enemy to steal it.
3. Everything that God has blessed us with, Satan desires to steal it.
4. We must engage in an **ACTIVE ROLE** of **RESISTANCE**.
5. **WE** must **OCCUPY** – *Take control of a place by military conquest or settlement.*
6. **Satan tries to regain lost territory.** We must make sure he meets a strong force of **RESISTANCE** when he returns to attempt to bring things back upon us.

B. Luke 11:24-26 NKJV “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.”

1. **Notice, Satan tries to come back.**
2. **He finds the house, swept and in order..**
3. **He is able to re-gain the territory he lost.**
4. **What’s missing? RESISTANCE**
5. **James 4:7 NKJV** “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”
 - **Aramaic – Stand against Satan**
 - **RESIST = Set oneself again – to oppose – to withstand**
6. **Eph 6:13 NKJV** “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

II. Holding on to the things you have received.

A. WE must have a FIRM FOUNDATION in the Word of God.

1. **The Word of God is our weapon – in Ephesians 6**
2. **The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged Sword in Hebrews**

3. **The Word of God is our only means of STANDING in authority against the enemy.**
 - a. Knowing who we are.
 - b. What we have/what belongs to us.
 - c. What we can do/ what we have authority to do.
 4. **Terms to consider.**
 - a. **Fortified**
 - *Barricaded, covered, guarded, protected, reinforced and secure.*
 - *Made stronger or secure.*
 - b. **Entrenched**
 - *Firmly established unlikely to be moved.*
 - *Established in fortified positions.*
 - *Entrenched life = to place someone in a very strong position that cannot easily be changed.*
 - c. If we are to hold on to the things we have received from the Lord, we must not be easily moved. We must not allow our mind to be changed. WE are grounded, settled, in our faith, that we HAVE RECEIVED the things that God has provided for us. *Example healing.*
 - d. We must not be deceived by feelings.
 - *Feelings will move us.*
 - *Emotions will move us.*
 - *Feelings will change our confession.*
 - *Emotions will rule our words if we are not FORTIFIED in faith > Entrenched in the Word of God.*
- B. Hold fast to your confession of faith.**
1. **Hebrews 10:23 NKJV** “Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.”
 2. **Heb 4:14 NKJV** “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.”
 3. **Psalms 107:1-2 NKJV** “Oh, **give thanks to the LORD**, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so**, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.”
 - a. **The redeemed have to SAY SO!**
Jesus did the redeeming, but we do the SAYING.
There is no redemption from anything until we SAY IT.

PASTOR'S NOTE: These professions, or confessions of our faith are not a one-time act. They are an ongoing process which keeps the flow of God's supernatural power at work in us.

4. Satan always comes to change our confession.

- a. I guess I didn't get healed.
- b. I was healed but it came back.
- c. Do not be easily moved in your confession!
- d. Hold fast = hold on = grasp tightly – refusing to let go.

5. 2 Tim 1:13 NKJV "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus."

6. Rev 3:11 NKJV "Behold, I am coming quickly! **Hold fast what you have**, that no one may take your crown."

C. Personal Examples: *Every healing or miracle I have received of the Lord has been challenged:*

1. Victory over depression
2. MS
3. Leukemia - *Read the comeback chapter in The Healing Faith Journey book.*
4. Jaw issues

PASTOR'S NOTE: *With every victory I have received, I have faced the enemy attempting to regain the territory he lost in my life. HOWEVER, I can testify that He has never regained any of this territory.*

- *Yes, I had to resist! But we are assured that resistance will work!*
- *When symptoms return, RESIST.*
- *When discouraging thoughts arise, RESIST.*
- *Our position is to RESIST:*
 - *To resist is to enforce our covenant rights over our enemy.*
 - *To resist is to put the enemy in his place.*
 - *To resist is to WIN.*

D. Stay in the Healing Flow

- 1. Stay in the stream of healing.**
- 2. Living flow**
- 3. Fresh flow**
- 4. Never get out of the healing flow.**