

## Taking Spiritual Authority Over Your Marriage



God created man and woman to work together as a team that would fill the earth, subdue it, and take dominion over it. **Gen. 1:28** They were to become one, a Holy Union of one man and woman that would drive Satan out of the earth and establish the Kingdom of God here. This union was meant to create a safe and healthy environment where our children could experience Father's Love, salvation, and grow up to become mature Christians until the whole world is filled with His glory!



Unfortunately, Satan wanted to exalt himself above God and become ruler on the earth. So, Satan executed his plan to control man and use the power and authority originally given to man to establish an alternate kingdom under his control. Satan has tried to destroy marriages and families since Adam and Eve through every evil work of darkness and bring division and strife between the husbands and wives.



I believe that God placed man on the earth first because He wanted the man to be the one who would take responsibility for and authority over the marriage and family. Satan has twisted and distorted these two roles in an attempt to destroy the family and open the door to every evil work. **Jam. 3:16-18** After Satan had stolen man's authority in the Garden of Eden, Jesus went to hell, took back the keys (authority), and gave us the authority again on the earth. **Matt. 28:18** The wife is also meant to stand with the man and work together to stop the devil in their family because two can put ten times as many to flight! **Deut. 32:30**



**Forgiveness is one of the most powerful spiritual weapons we have to stop the enemy in our marriage.** To walk in love, we must walk in forgiveness. We cannot afford to hate anyone! Hate brings blindness and is a sign of murder in our heart. **1 John 3:14-15** Most marriage counselors say that childhood pain is the cause for almost 100% of the problems in our marriage. We can open doors to the devil through our responses to things or wounds from our past that trigger bad behavior or actions in us. Those wounds can only be healed through heart forgiveness where we forgive and release all the debt from those who wounded our heart. Then we invite Jesus to come in and remove all the pain, memories, lies, and negative emotions. We release them and let Jesus take them and we see them through the cross. Forgiveness can also stop the enemy by using past hurts or heart wounds to bring division, push your spouse away from you, steal your joy and closeness in the marriage, or hinder your ability to walk in love with each other. Besides forgiveness, another way to build a bridge in your marriage is to say the three magical words, "I was wrong!" (even if you don't think you were!)



**The Bible says that if we resist the devil and draw near to God, he will flee from us.** **Jam. 4:7** It also instructs us to be vigilant because the devil is constantly walking around seeking someone to attack and destroy. **1 Pet. 5:8** Many couples are ignorant of the devil's tactics or too busy, complacent, or distracted to stand up and run the devil out of their marriage. They may not even recognize that the source of their problem is Satan and his demonic forces in their lives. We must be ready to resist the devil at the first sign of anything that is trying to steal our peace and joy!



How do we resist the devil? **Is. 52:19** says that Father raises up a standard against the devil and that standard is the Cross and the shed blood of Jesus. Jesus placed His

blood on the mercy seat and established the new blood covenant with us. The devil knows the power of the blood and will flee whenever he sees it on us who now have the authority from Jesus. Sue and I remember the blood covenant every morning when we take communion and we plead the blood over us, our family, relatives, and our property. We use anointing oil to represent the blood and anoint everything in our house and around our property to cleanse it and mark it so Satan and every demon sees it. We even anoint our car and motel rooms when we travel!



**Since Jesus gave us all authority, we can use the name of Jesus to command the demonic forces to leave and not come back.** You have been given authority from Jesus to use His name against the enemy and command them to go back to where they came from. When the atmosphere in our house begins to change because of a heated discussion, or we sense the other person has been hurt or offended by something we said or did, we stop, get back to joy, and use the name of Jesus to clear the atmosphere. Then we repent and ask forgiveness if we were the one who caused the problem!



Prayer is also an important part of doing spiritual warfare for your marriage. The weapons of our warfare are mighty through God to pull down strongholds. We do not fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places. **2 Cor. 10:3-6** We must put on the full armor of God and stand every day. *Having done all to stand, STAND!* Do not back down, compromise, or quit on every prayer you have ever prayed in faith according to God's Word until it is no longer possible for it to be answered!

**Don't let the enemy destroy your marriage or your peace, love and joy. Use the authority given to you and keep Satan out of your marriage and family!**

### **Dialogue Questions**

1. What are some areas of our marriage that we could improve or change that would make our marriage filled with more peace, love, and joy? What can we do to help make it better? How does that make me feel when I think about making those changes?
2. What are 3 things that you see causing the most strife or problems in our marriage? What do you see is the major problem behind each one of these issues? What can we do to stop the enemy in those areas? How does that make me feel when I think of stopping the enemy in those areas?

### ***Fun Night Ideas***

1. When the snow is right, build a snowman and put all the parts on him – scarf, top hat, buttons, carrot nose, eyes and smile! Take a selfie with Frosty!
2. Go somewhere that has sleigh rides and have fun. After to ride, drink some hot chocolate or your favorite hot drink together.
3. Take a walk on a moonlit night and take some pictures. Stand behind your wife and hold her as you take in the scenery. Stand on a log or rock and give each other a passionate “leaning” kiss!