



JESUS HAS DECLARED WAR ON SIN!

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DAY 1 – JESUS: OUR ROOT OF FREEDOM

Let Jesus' words drive Satan's lies out of your temple. Jesus has declared war on sin! The righteousness of God has been bought and paid for by Christ Jesus, but you have to take it!

STUDY IT

- I. Jesus is calling us to greater freedom (Revelation 3).
 - Jesus's Spirit and presence is coming like never before.
 - Jesus is calling us deeper into His presence.
 - Jesus is returning for a Church without spot or wrinkle.

- II. Jesus has declared war on sin.
 - The battle against sin has been won, but you have to take it.
 - There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). But we don't just repent and move on. We get a teaching, a standard, a maintaining so we can change.
 - Sin is not just the bad deed you did; it's also the root of evil that the bad deed came from.
 - Example: You don't lie for no reason; people lie because of hidden things—pride, shame, etc.
 - Our spirit was cleansed by Jesus when we were born again, but our soul (mind, will and emotions) have to be cleansed continuously.
 - The Word—Jesus—is the cleansing expression of the Father. He whom the Son sets free is free indeed (John 8:36).
 - Sometimes we don't know why the same sins keep coming out in our lives, but it's because of bad roots planted that Jesus wants to free us from.

- III. Jesus is coming to bring you truth (Mark 11:11-33).
 - If you don't know the truth, you won't recognize the lie.
 - Jesus gets His words from His Father; we get ours from Him (John 5:30).
 - The fig tree was a picture of the Temple and the Jewish leaders. They should have been producing fruit.





- We shouldn't have an "off-season." What is going on in our temples that keeps us from abiding in Him and producing fruit all the time, not just Sundays and Wednesdays?
- When Jesus drove out the moneychangers, He was driving out the lies from the Temple. The leaders had chosen a different source of supply than God, so Jesus drove it out and then began to teach them.
- Let Jesus drive the lie out of your temple and begin to teach you.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Take a moment to pray and think about how the Lord is working on your cleansing. Where have you felt His leading to "do better"? Maybe, it's speaking more kindly to loved ones or letting go of financial fear and anxiety.

Now, take a minute to *selah* (pause and think about) the word *freedom*. How do freedom and liberty relate to what you believe the Lord has been dealing with you about? Is there a scripture that comes to your heart about God's freedom? If nothing comes immediately, pray and ask Jesus to give you a specific scripture on freedom and continue to apply it to the area of your life that needs some work. Even consider looking up a few extra scriptures on freedom. Write them down, speak them and think on them all day. Watch how one word from God can truly change you from the inside out.





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DAY 2 – GRACE: THE EMPOWERMENT TO LIVE BEYOND SIN

Harboring Satan's lies in our souls is like renting that space out to a den of thieves—they steal our life of freedom. But Jesus, by His grace and mercy, not only forgives our sins, but He also cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

STUDY IT

- I. What is sin?
 - Don't think of sin only in terms of having a "sin consciousness" or thinking of yourself as a "sinner."
 - The different definitions of sin:
 - A bad deed or doing the opposite of what you should have.
 - A pathway or weakness that leads to sin. (There are sinful roots that can be in our souls, even as Christians.)
 - Jesus has forgiven our sins, and you can repent when He shows you the sin (that thing you did). But each sin has a root—something planted in your soul driving you to do that sin, whether it's murder, offense, etc. (1 John 1:9).
 - Example: If you can be offended, there is something in you that needs to be cleansed. You can't forgive if you are in offense.
 - Although our spirit has been cleansed by God, our soul can harbor offense, bitterness, hatred, fear, abandonment and other lies/sins planted by the enemy.
 - If it's not the truth, it proceeds from the devil and is a root of sin. (See [Caroline Leaf's teaching on "toxic thoughts"](#) for more information.)
- II. The Lord sees us clearly; He knows our hearts and how to remove sin in every way.
 - Roots of evil (sin) are like ropes sent to strangle you from the inside out (Proverbs 5:21).
 - Jesus was sent to pay the price to remove sin from our ledgers, but also to remove the sins/lies in our hearts that are lying to us about who we truly are.
 - Mercy is for our sins and failures. Grace is the empowerment to live beyond sin and mature continually.





- Allowing Jesus access to your heart is how you grow; and it happens step by step.
- III. Grace is not so you can stay the way you are, but it's so you can change.
- Jesus is not going to continue to grace you to live the same way and never grow.
 - When your old ways aren't working anymore, Jesus is asking you to grow beyond them. (The grace for kindergartners is not the same for full adults.)
 - Ask Jesus: "What do I need to know to let Your grace flow in my life?"
 - Death may be trying to attack your body on a daily basis, but God's grace is the treasure on the inside of you that daily renews your spirit and life (2 Corinthians 4:1-12).
- IV. Jesus is always in the process of bringing more grace to our lives (Mark 11:11-33).
- Jesus wants to turn over the places in our lives that are not sourced in Him as He did in the Temple.
 - When we harbor a lie in our heart, we are opening our hearts to a den of thieves such as: fear, shame, pride, unforgiveness, bitterness and abandonment (they are all lies).
 - Harboring lies allows Satan to steal God's destiny from us, because it steals the valuable truth: that our significance is in Jesus. He's our Source and the One who makes our way.
 - All lies from the enemy choke the Word out of our hearts (Mark 4:18-19). Just as the temple couldn't be a house of prayer while it was a den of thieves, love and life in Jesus get choked out by those thieving lies.
 - In 1 Corinthians 13 the behaviors of love are listed. They are a standard for how much we are letting Jesus' love grow in our souls.
 - If your love isn't measuring up, that's when you know the thief is stealing your freedom in Jesus!

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Dr. Caroline Leaf has some excellent teachings on "toxic thoughts." You can listen to many of her messages and podcasts online. Toxic thoughts are negative thoughts that impact your life in a negative way—like thoughts full of doubt, fear, unforgiveness and bitterness. These thoughts are unhealthy down to a cellular level.

The following are some examples Dr. Leaf gives of comments people make that stem from toxic thoughts: "Nothing ever goes right for me;" "Everything I touch fails;" "I always mess up."





Instead of thinking negative thoughts like these today, extend God's grace and mercy over your thought process. Decide to take every evil thought captive, and ask God to infuse your thought process with His love and grace. Even if something doesn't go your way, find a way to be grateful. If you mess up, extend mercy to yourself and think: *Self, I forgive you as Jesus forgave you, and that settles it. I'll never be a failure because love never fails, and I am full of love!*





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DAY 3 – THERE'S ALWAYS MORE FREEDOM IN JESUS

Communion with Jesus drives out the sins of the enemy. Jesus has a path for all of us. He wants to search out every heart and give us our process of freedom.

STUDY IT

- I. There are more levels of freedom that Jesus wants to give you, by cleaning up things in your soul (Revelation 3:20-22).
 - Jesus is knocking on the door of the Church. He's talking about different, internal issues of the churches.
 - One church lost their passionate love for Jesus and each other.
 - Another church was faithful and had strong endurance, but it was tolerating a Jezebel spirit. Jesus has defeated that spirit.
 - Jesus has a path for all of us. He wants to search out our soul's thoughts and intentions, and give us a process of freedom (what He paid for).

- II. It's critical to your freedom that you follow Jesus' process for you.
 - Jesus has made us free; it's time for us to walk that way.
 - When forgiving others, throw away the comparative scale, and deal with what Jesus puts on your plate. Don't let someone else's sins against you hold you back from your freedom.
 - When you give Jesus your "empty plate," He can put things on it to talk to you about, and He will empower you to deal with those issues.
 - The One who began a good work in you will fulfill it (Philippians 1:6).
 - Jesus is the Author and Developer of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).
 - Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).
 - When you receive Jesus' correction (you have an ear to hear) and understand, then you're not fighting against what Jesus wants to do in you. You become a partner with Him to drive lies and sin out of your heart and receive His freedom and truth.
 - The more you let Jesus remove the dark things and cleanse your soul, the more love and freedom you get to walk in. That's what Jesus desires for your correction—freedom, not punishment (Revelation 3:19; 2 Corinthians 3:17).





- III. Turn away from your indifference, and turn to Jesus for communion (Revelation 3:19-22).
- When Jesus becomes the Mirror you continually gaze at, it changes what you look like on the inside. With lies of the enemy out, Jesus can replace those spaces with His love (James 1:22-25).
 - If you'll open the door of your heart and soul to Jesus, even into the darkest places, He'll come in and commune with you.
 - Jesus is talking to the Church, not sinners. Our communion with Him drives the sin out and allows us to bear fruit.
- IV. Repentance forgives the sin (deed) from your ledger, but partnership with Jesus is the only way to pull out the sin by its roots from your soul.
- Removal of sin's roots in our lives doesn't automatically happen because we were born again or just because we repented.
 - Jesus wants to remove the den of thieves from our souls to uproot those evil lies and thieves that are driving us to sin.
 - Start with driving out unforgiveness. Let Jesus set you free from bitterness. You can't be in freedom and unforgiveness at the same time.
 - In 1 John 1:1-9 (*TPT*), John described what it was like to walk with Jesus. The disciples studied Him and realized that we lie to ourselves if we think we have no sin. Jesus is the Life-Giver. He is our Light—and our Freedom from sin and from the lies that drive us to sin.

Additional scriptures: Mark 4:1-20, 11:11-33

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Whether you've only heard from God based on the reading of the Scriptures or you are continuously hearing Him speak directly to your spirit, it is always good to give yourself a forgiveness checkup. Jesus often stressed the importance of forgiving if you have aught against anyone. Any small offense can be a space that Satan wants to claim for his own to plant his lies. Take the time right now to get quiet and ask God who (there may be more than one person) you need to forgive. Once the person(s) come up in your heart or mind, say a prayer of forgiveness and don't worry: Jesus said you can forgive by faith, even when you don't *feel* like it.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You in Jesus' Name and ask forgiveness for all of my offenses. Help me to be full of love and not offense. By faith, I now forgive. I put them in Your hands as well as what they did to me. I pray for You to help them and show them Your truth. Set them free as You are now setting me free. In Jesus' Name. Amen.





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DAY 4 – PROSPERITY FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Becoming one with Jesus and abiding in Him is the key to our souls (our minds, wills and emotions) being freed from sin. Your soul can't prosper while your heart is condemning you, but Jesus on the inside is all the Prosperity Agent you need.

STUDY IT

- I. Jesus has made us free from sin, so don't develop a sin consciousness, but realize that Jesus wants to drive out the enemy's lies so He can develop your faith.
 - He wants to change us from the inside out.
 - Satan wants us to get caught up in performance and even striving for the fruit of the spirit. But the spirit's fruit is meant to come out naturally.

- II. Jesus on the inside is my prosperity (3 John 2-5).
 - You're not going to prosper unless your soul prospers. Having money doesn't mean your soul is prospering. Your soul can't prosper if your heart is condemning you.
 - What do you do when your heart condemns you?
 - Condemnation is the lying message from the enemy. Example: You're abandoned, and you have no father.
 - Jesus' words on the inside of you combat the enemy's lies. Example: God's Word tells you that He emptied heaven to win you back. So, you have a Father who loves you.
 - Once Jesus reveals the truth to you, you have to receive the truth instead of the lie.
 - Both good and bad roots take up space in your soul (Matthew 12:35).
 - When you allow Jesus to change you, what everyone else is doing becomes less important to you (no more comparison).
 - No one has a right to make you a victim because Jesus has set you free! You can't be a victor and a victim at the same time.





- III. Repenting of the bad deed you did is not the cleansing of the root in your soul that caused it. But when you do repent, you open the door for Jesus to cleanse you from the root of that unrighteousness (1 John 1:1-11).
- Your life is the temple of Jesus on the earth; you need to give Him permission to drive out evil roots in your life (Mark 11:11-33).
 - When we are so unified/cleansed as a Body, the world will see Jesus and know how much God loves them (John 17:23).
 - A Church without spot or wrinkle requires the same thing that your cotton shirt does: heat (fire of the Holy Spirit), pressure from Jesus to push stuff out, and cleansing (washing by the water of the Word—Ephesians 5:26).
- IV. Why is Jesus knocking on the door of a heart that He should be living in (Revelation 3:20)?
- You have to move the door out of the way before Jesus can come in and clean up your soul. For us to come to Him in faith for things on the outside, we have to invite Him into our souls.
 - Needing Jesus isn't a matter of lack, but requirement—like oxygen. I require Jesus—to live in me, talk to me and fill me up, and to be my Savior every day.
 - There are spaces in our souls that Jesus still hasn't cleansed because we haven't let Him in. He wants to show us where those are, so we can be filled with Him there (2 Corinthians 4:3-6).
 - The areas where we don't live in fellowship with Jesus hurt our relationships with others (1 John 1:6).
 - We've been made free, but now it's time to stop fooling ourselves and receive that freedom by letting Him cleanse us from the lies hiding in the dark spaces of our souls (1 John 1:8-9).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Your life is the temple of Jesus on the earth; you need to give Him permission to point things out to you. Start with a worship song that declares how much you depend on God and His presence. Now, give the Lord permission to enter every space in your soul—light or dark. When He begins to shine a light on things in your soul, read Ephesians 5:11-15. Remember, when you shine a light on something, it simply shows what was already there. So, don't be in denial about what's in your soul. Let Jesus in to flip on the switch, so you can partner together for a freedom sweep in even the darkest regions of your soul. To allow Him full access is true worship.





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DAY 5 – OUR CLEANSING FREEDOM

There are two different things that Jesus is faithful and just to do: forgive us from sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Freedom from sin is not just clearing a record against you; it's a renewed and cleansing way of life.

STUDY IT

- I. Your soul has to prosper for your life to prosper.
 - You can be saved with Jesus in your spirit, but your soul is where you have to give Him a daily place to be renewed, cleansed and turned to God.
 - You worship with your soul, not just by singing, because worship is a positioning—like Mary positioned herself at Jesus' feet. Nothing else was more important to her.
 - Satan is the father of lies. If you harbor a lie in your heart, there is a place in your soul that is fathered by the devil, and it gives him a foothold from which to speak to you, to affect your life, bother you, and steal the Word (John 8:44).
 - Like a weed, Satan's lies choke out what Jesus is trying to say to you (Matthew 13:24-30).

- II. How do we get free from all sin (1 John 1:8-9)?
 - Confessing a sinful deed doesn't make your soul free from the root of the sin. However, your spirit is free, and there is no sin logged against you.
 - Jesus wants you to get to a place where He can drive out the enemy's roots in your life (Mark 11:11-33).
 - Jesus is faithful and just to do two things: forgive us from sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- III. Even after you get born again, the lies of the enemy have to come out for you to live free in this world.
 - All the works in the world won't free us from the enemy's lies. Only Jesus can. He is the "Cleansing Agent."





- Walking in the light includes being open and acknowledging any darkness that Jesus wants to reveal or step into. The blood of Jesus will cleanse us from all known sin when we repent. And when we remain open to Jesus' cleansing power, He can also cleanse us from the unknown sins. Freedom from sin is mentioned 17 times in 1 John (footnote from *The Passion Translation*, verse 7).
- Confession deals with known sin; and Jesus, as our Sin-Bearer, cleanses us from unknown sins as well.
- Our life should be empowered by God's Spirit. If there are dark rooms in your heart, when you repent of the things He shows you, you open up a space for Jesus to cleanse you further and turn a light on in a room that was once dark.

IV. If we're constantly doing battle with others or the lies in our life, how can we live the life God has for us?

- We don't wrestle against flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12).
- When an attack comes and there's no dark room in you for it to land, that lie can't stick.
 - Example: If someone doesn't value you, it doesn't matter, unless there's a *lie* in you that people *don't* value you.
- The word *devil* means: "to poke." He wants to poke at the lies on the inside of you that He planted.
- The more dedicated to letting Jesus into your dark rooms you become, the more excited (instead of destroyed) you'll be when Satan pokes at a sin, because you know that's another place you're about to get free in your life.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

If you have not yet made Jesus the Lord of your life, let today be the day. Like Gloria Copeland did, you can simply say, "Jesus, take my life and do something with it." Repent of your sins, and let Jesus all the way in to your spirit, soul and body.

If you've been in communion with Jesus for a while, remember that Jesus was preaching to the choir in Revelations 3. He was saying, "I am knocking at the door of your heart, dear Church bride, dear brother or sister, dear co-heir and co-partner; I'd like to commune with you on every level."

After you've invited Him in fully in your prayer time, simply ask God if there is still a space that needs cleansing inside of you. Make sure you don't do all the talking. Listen and look for His voice, an image or a scripture that will guide you. Let Him turn on a light in a room you've never even seen before. Warning: The result will be a freeing one!

