

Stay Alert

During this time of quarantine, I've found myself tempted to kick off my shoes and put my legs up. I want to put down my guard and take a break. But the fact is, the Devil isn't taking a break. In fact, he is at work like he's never been before.

1 Peter 5:8-9

You are in an active spiritual battle. Satan is real. He never sleeps. He is trying to take every single one of us down, little by little. To be blunt, you are not immune from Satan's attacks. You are not too strong, too weak or too young to him. Think about Judas. He was one of the Twelve. A huge part of his life was following Jesus. He personally knew Jesus and saw Him perform miracles. But Satan took him down. He sold out Jesus and his chance at Heaven for a little money. **How do you get when you attacked by Satan? Do you raise a white flag? Get an attitude with God?**

He will come for you. A little discouragement here, a little faithlessness there... I think right now, Satan is trying to devour our confidence in God's goodness, devotion to regular times of reading the Word and praying, attentiveness to God and our commitment to our relationships in the Kingdom. If you find yourself thinking this way, I encourage you to find some scriptures that say otherwise. I mean there are so, so many scriptures that talk about the truth of the goodness of God, like Psalm 34:8, Romans 8:28, and Psalm 119:68.

The scripture doesn't end on a downer; you are part of a family believers who is here for you and fighting alongside you. Talk to each other! Ask each other how they're doing. Let's not isolate ourselves when we feel the devil preying on us. You are not alone in this.

John 10:10

Satan has no other goal than to steal, kill and destroy every part of your life. **How has Satan been robbing and destroying you? Has Satan been robbing you of your joy? Your love for God? Your purity? Your devotion to the meetings of the body?**

Personally, I've found myself feeling robbed of my joy. In this time, I can be so focused on what I've lost: time with my closest friends, a chance at a summer internship, fellowship with my favorite people... But then I'm reminded of how much I've gained: time to grow closer spiritually to my parents, the opportunity to reach out to those who are normally too busy, time to reflect on God and my relationship with Him. These are all MAJOR blessings that are going on right now. Combat the lies that Satan may be throwing your way and remember the truth in the scriptures. **What do you need to study out to prevent Satan from stealing and destroying it?**

But here's the thing: Jesus came and died for you so that you could live life to the full. Never forget that Satan is subordinate to God. His power over us is nothing compared to God's. This is not an impossible battle to win; God has already won! Be sober. Be alert. Resist.

I miss and love each of you more than I love Aggie Football and Gogh Gogh coffee combined.