

Day 58

- Good Morning! I hope you have all had a productive and relaxing weekend.
- I was awakened this morning with a spirit of defeat trying to intimidate me. I could feel it before I woke up. Interesting how the enemy of our soul, satan, likes to come at us right in the morning, before we have had a moment to be fully awake and settle our countenance on the Lord. Yet, of course he comes then. Isaiah 14:12 tells us, “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!” And satan always comes as the great counterfeiter.
- He comes to invade our time that should be with Holy Spirit, talking to us, teaching us, speaking over us. Often, Holy Spirit speaks to me in my sleep, or in that place of asleep and awake, and when I awaken with His sweet words running through me, there is peace, calm, excitement, and usually an intensity to search out what nugget of revelation He has just given me.
- So, when I awakened this morning with demonic vomit on me (speaking spiritually not literally), I had confusion, doubt, and I began to wonder about who I was in Christ. Yeah, it hit that fast. I submitted myself to God and asked Him to search me. I then recognized the liar. My thoughts began to focus, then I could more clearly and confidently rebuke the enemy of our soul, satan.
- I am sharing this because I think it is too easy for each of us to assume that other Christians have it so much easier than we do, or they are so strong that satan just leaves them alone. And the reality is, he never stops seeking whom he may devour. He can't; that is actually who he is. He is a devourer.
- When I got up, I could tell the feeling I was having wasn't from the Lord, but it was a pretty thick fog. Right away, I picked up my phone and went to Dutch Sheets' Give Him 15 and began to listen to today's upload. Immediately, the words Dutch was saying began to lift the cloud. How?
- Well, first of all, the enemy likes to encapsulate us inside ourselves; he wants us to question everything about ourselves; he wants us to doubt our dedication to God, and especially God's dedication to us. I have been following Dutch's Give Him 15 since almost the beginning of him starting that podcast. So, I wanted to turn it on and let those words fill my atmosphere. Satan hates God's words and he really hates praise to God. I knew my brain wasn't quite awake enough to go into full singing or even put enough words together to begin to praise God, although I had started with thanksgiving. As Dutch began to teach, he was talking about remembering to pray and intercede for our fellow brothers and sisters in other countries who REALLY have horrible oppression.
- And bam! The light went on for me. I could see the ugly of the enemy trying to get me to focus on myself — even if it was just to have me doubt my devotion to God — however satan can get us to focus away from God and especially have us focus on ourselves, he will do it.
- Right away, I started to come into agreement with Dutch's words, and I began to pray for those who are in true captivity around the world. My focus quickly changed off of me, and I chose to put it where it should be. Now, this was and is a choice. This is why what we allow into our five sense gates is so important. I did end my night with good before bed, but I had also watched things that did not edify God nor encourage me to stay focused on Him. What I watched wasn't “bad,” but it was like I was just filling time with something.
- I am not speaking legalism on any of us — yuck! — No! I am saying that we need to be mindful of what we allow in our five sense gates. Our five senses are the fleshy, carnal part of us. The very places satan searches for cracks. Because our advisory the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, if he can catch us tired and watching just anything to fill time, he will jump on that and try to get our focus on anything but God.

- What is Satan's goal in that? To get us to come into any kind of agreement with him, so that a legal door is opened to him, and he can try and steal our peace, our courage, our time with God, our anything — he is first and foremost a thief. After he starts stealing, he then switches to killing — killing our dreams, our visions, our dedication to all God has set before us...and so much more if we will let him. And then, if he can get us to that point, he pushes even deeper and works to destroy us.
- How do I know? "The thief [satan] does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I [Jesus] have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10.
- Satan is always looking for when our guard is down in any place.
- You may be thinking, "Heidi, you make it sound as if he is omnipresent." No! He is definitely not omnipresent, but the Bible talks about principalities and powers in Ephesians 6, referring to Satan's demonic horde. Think about how one prince can be over whole regions. This is how a demonic principality works, especially if the humans in authority over a region have brought their lives into agreement with satan. Now, we can drive holes into those places of demonic control, and even destroy those principalities all together if we have grown in understanding of those things. But we can't do any of it if we don't know it exists.
- So, when those in authority give access to their regions to those demonic principalities, knowingly or unknowingly, that filth begins to saturate the atmosphere. When those who are weak to its oppression come into agreement with it, they unwittingly feed the principality. If Christians are unaware of the power and authority we have regarding such things, we let it move in and take residence among us without even realizing it, except to say, "something doesn't feel right."
- This is why decreeing and declaring scripture out loud over your life, your family, your home, your community, your region, your state, your nation, and the world is so powerful and essential. And as I am writing this and sharing this with all of you, I am reminding myself of it as well.
- We have the great opportunity to daily seed into our atmosphere words that are directly from God Himself. There are no more powerful words than the ones that were originally spoken by the Word Himself, Jesus. From Genesis to Revelation, we need to be decreeing and declaring daily. And yes, I am saying that to myself as well.
- So let me leave us with decrees and declarations we can and should come into agreement with — out loud.
- I decree and declare over the lives of each person listening, over my own life, over our families, homes, jobs, communities, regions, states, nations, and the world —
- "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19.
- "Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1.
- "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37.
- "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14.
- I decree all of this in the blessed name of Jesus, our Lord and King.