

INSURGENCY

The God Who Delivers Us – II
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Open in prayer and read Matthew 6:9-13.

Pastor Derwin writes in his digital book, *Insurgency*, “Adam, Eve, and Israel listened to the seductive voice of the Accuser, which leads to disobedience. Jesus listened to the voice of love that leads to obedience: “And a voice from heaven said: ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased’” (Matt. 3:17). Because of our allegiance to Jesus, we are in Him and He is in us; therefore, our Father echoes the same words of love to us: You are my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.”

- Do you believe that you are a beloved child of God and that He is well-pleased with you? What holds you back from fully embracing this truth?

The God Who Delivers Us:

- Makes us strong in the Lord.
Read Ephesians 6:10 and Romans 8:11.
 - From Whom does our strength come?
 - What can happen if we try to lead before we are ready, or if we try to lead in our own power rather than in the power of Christ?
- Gives us battle armor so we can stand against the demonic schemes.
Read Ephesians 6:11.
 - What is the armor that God gives us?
 - What is the purpose of this armor?
 - Review the three lies we discussed this weekend and the previous weekend:
Lie #1 – What We Do Defines Who We Are: Performance-Based Living
Lie #2 – We Are Defined by What Others Think About Us: Popularity
Lie #3 – What We Have Defines Who We Are: Possessions
 - Is there one lie that you tend to struggle with? Share about which lies you believe and how you can find freedom from those lies.
- Gives us an understanding of who we are battling – and it’s not people!
Read Ephesians 6:12-13 and Matthew 5:43-45.
 - Who are we fighting against?
 - Does this change your perspective on how we interact with people?
 - What role does prayer play in the battles we are fighting?
- Gives us the ability to love and execute what Jesus calls us to do, through His strength.
Read Romans 12:10, Romans 12:14, and Romans 12:19.

- What are these verses calling us to do?
- Do you find it difficult to love and bless those who persecute you?
- It's typical to feel frustrated with the idea of loving everyone. In our own strength, we can't. No amount of "trying" will change that. When we accept that and remember that it's Christ in us who is capable of that love, we can surrender that striving and simply abide in Him. That's where we experience transformation. How can we abide in Christ and allow Him to transform our hearts so that Christ in us can love others?

Soul-tattoo:

Commit to praying through Ephesians 6:13-17 every day this week and thank God for His Armor.