

INSURGENCY

The God Who Delivers Us – I
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Open in Prayer

Review Chapter 6 of the digital book *Insurgency* and Read Matt 6:9-12

Pastor Derwin writes, concerning Satan: *“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.’ I suspect those are the words of the dark demonic powers. The devil and his minions have used the same schemes since the Garden of Eden. The schemes of the Accuser are so effective that they worked on Adam and Eve and also on Israel in the wilderness. They have worked on you and me, too. Satan was so confident in his diabolical schemes that he even thought they would work on Jesus. But what Satan did not know was that Jesus was the last Adam (1 Cor. 15:22) and where Adam failed and sinned, Jesus did not. Where Israel failed and sinned in the wilderness after the Lord freed them from slavery, Jesus did not. And where you and I failed and sinned, Jesus did not.”*

And concludes the chapter with:

“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. It’s the pleasure of God that acts as a force field of grace that protects us from falling prey to the temptations of the evil one. Jesus has already won our freedom. As the Father’s beloved, let’s live as free people.”

- “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” – The Tempter. Satan isn’t creative, but he is deceptive. He uses the same tactics over and over, so why fix it since we fall for them over and over. (Garden, Temptation, etc.)
 - What are some ways he’s tricked you or others?
- The God Who Delivers us rewrites our story with Jesus’ story of redemption.

Read Matthew 3:17 CSB

- Knowing that we’ve all fallen for Satan’s schemes, how does this text give us peace and hope?
- How does this change the way we see ourselves (inward)?

Lie #1 – What We Do Defines Who We Are: Performance-Based Living**Read Matthew 4: 1-4 CSB**

- How has Satan lied to you about how you’re accepted by God?
- In what ways do we try to “live up” to something or someone for acceptance?

Truth #1 – We Are Defined by What Jesus Has Done for Us: The Father’s Beloved**Read Galatians 3:26-27 NLT**

- One of the most important verses to believe is “It is finished” (John 19:30) as Jesus was dying. Why is this so important in light of Lie #1?
- How does being “united to Christ” and “putting on new clothes” become a game changer?

Lie #2 – We Are Defined by What Others Think About Us: Popularity

Read Matt 4:5-6; 4:7 and Ps 91:13 CSB

- What lie did Satan tell Jesus in verses 5-6?
- Reading Ps 91:13, what did Satan leave out while talking to Jesus?
- What will happen to Satan?

Truth #2 – We Are Defined by Who God Says We Are: His Beloved

Read 2 Corinthians 6:18 CSB

- What does the Bible say who we are?
- If the Creator of the Universe says we're His son or daughter and He is our Father, does it matter what others say about us?
- What should we tell ourselves when people try and define us outside of Scripture?

Lie #3 – What We Have Defines Who We Are: Possessions

Read Matthew 4:8-11 CSB

- How does consumerism contradict the Bible?
- How do get tricked by this lie of "having more = a better person"?
- Does having the newest Iphone or best clothes define us? Then why do we compare what we have with others?

Truth #3 – We Are Defined by Being God's Possession: His adopted sons and daughters.

Read Ephesians 1:3-5 NLT

- How does knowing that we are united with God change how we're defined?
- We are eternally connected to Him – can anything else say more than, "you are Mine and we're forever linked as one."?
- When did God first think of you? When did He chose us?
- What are the effects and purposes of our union with Him?
- Why did God choose us and unite us with Him?
- Rest on this for a moment – is anything sweeter to our minds and hearts than this truth?

Soul-tattoo:

1. In the morning, at noon, and at night, pray through the three truths.
2. Teach someone what you learned.