

Claiming
WEDNESDAY
Nights

**SPIRITUAL
WARFARE**

SERMON SERIES

1. Depression from sickness

Philippians 2:25-30 But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.



A. Negative Report

Mark 5:23 He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.”

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”



B. DESPAIR

Mark 5:26

She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.



C. Discouragement

Mark 9:17, 20-27

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. ²² “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

C. Discouragement

²³ ““If you can’?”” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

D. Worry

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety (CARES) on him because he cares for you.

2. Depression from FEAR

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.



A. WEAKNESS

2 Corinthians 12:9

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.



B. Bitterness

Hebrews 12:15 ...looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;



C. Confusion

James 3:16

For where envy and self-seeking *exist*,
confusion and every evil thing *are* there.



D. Nervousness

Psalm 37:1

Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.



3. Depression from GRIEF

Psalm 34:18

The LORD is close to the
brokenhearted
and saves those who are
crushed in spirit.



A. Hopelessness

Job 2:13

Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.



B. Brokenness

Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.



B. Melancholy

Luke 24:17

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast.



C. Despondency

Ruth 1:13

¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"



4. Depression from REJECTION

2 Corinthians 12:10

¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



A. Self-Pity

Ruth 1:13

¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"



B. Humiliation

Acts 8:33

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth.”



C. Inferiority

1 John 3:1-2

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



D. Loneliness

Hebrews 13:5-6

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”



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