


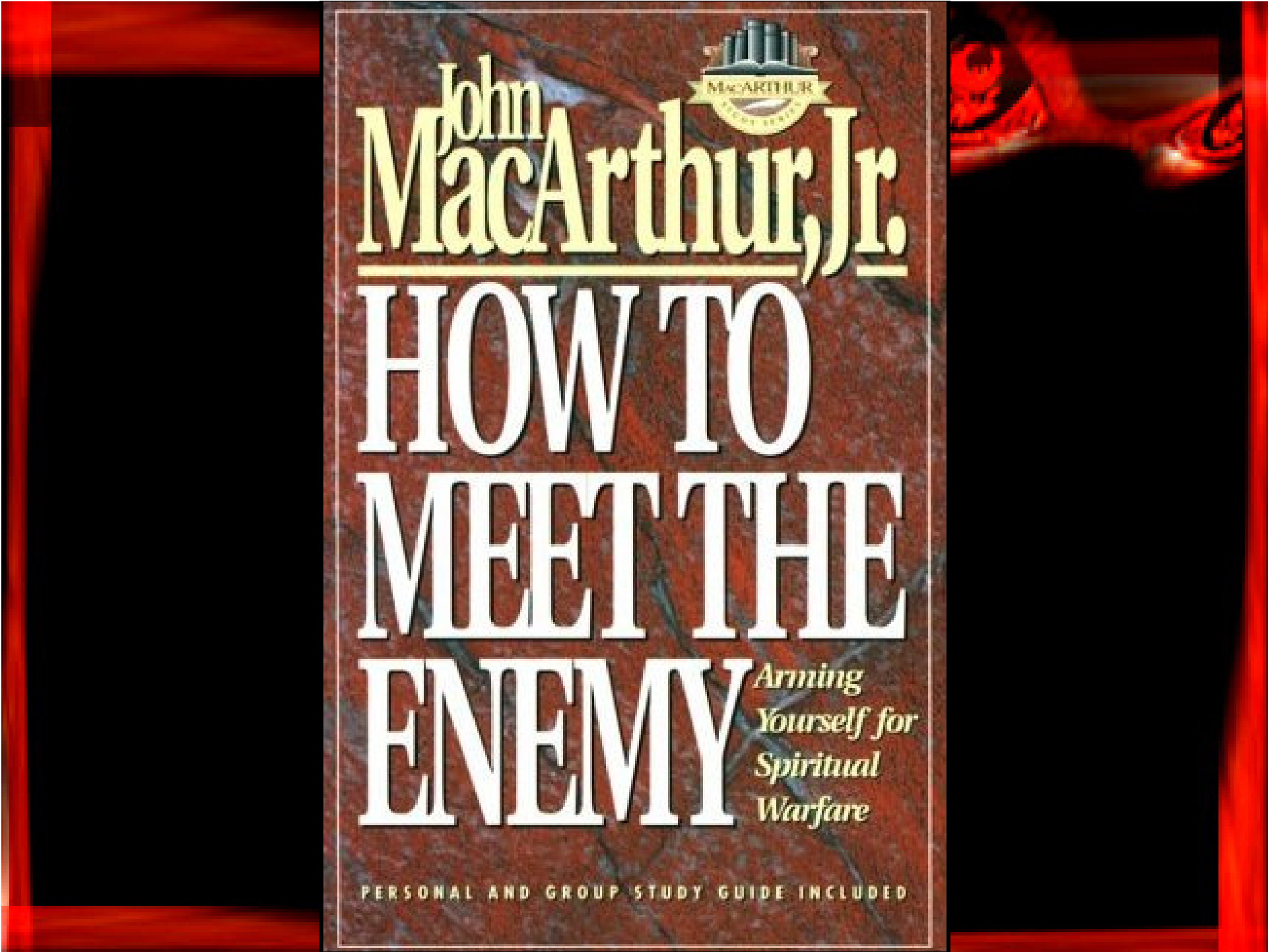


GETTING THE DEVIL OUT FOR
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST!

Acts 19:13-16



Acts 19:13, “Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, ‘In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.’” (NIV)

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HOW TO
MEET THE
ENEMY

*Arming
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PERSONAL AND GROUP STUDY GUIDE INCLUDED

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE DEVIL AND DEMONS

1 Peter 5:8, “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (NIV)

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE DEVIL AND DEMONS

Revelation 12:10, “For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth — the one who accuses them before our God day and night.” (NLT)

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What does this look like?

Job 1:6-7, “One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. The Lord said to Satan, ‘Where have you come from?’ Satan answered the Lord, ‘From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.’” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 1:8, “Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.’” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 1:9-11, “Does Job fear God for nothing?’ Satan replied. ‘Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has?’

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What does this look like?

You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 1:12, “The Lord said to Satan, ‘Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.’ Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 1:13-15, “One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said,

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What does this look like?

‘The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!’” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 1:16-17, “While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, ‘The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!’”

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What does this look like?

While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, ‘The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!’” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 1:18-19, “While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, ‘Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house.

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What does this look like?

It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 1:20-22, “At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: ‘Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart.

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What does this look like?

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.’ In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 2:1-2, “On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the Lord said to Satan, ‘Where have you come from?’ Satan answered the Lord, ‘From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.’” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 2:3, “Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.’” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 2:4-5, “‘Skin for skin!’ Satan replied. ‘A man will give all he has for his own life. But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.’” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 2:6-7, “The Lord said to Satan, ‘Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.’ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head.” (NIV)

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What does this look like?

Job 2:10, “In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.” (NIV)

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Can a Follower of Christ be Demon Possessed?

**Matthew 6:24, “No one can
serve two masters.” (NIV)**

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Can a Follower of Christ be Demon Possessed?

**1 Corinthians 6:19, “...your
body is a temple of the Holy
Spirit...” (NIV)**

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Can a Follower of Christ be Demon Possessed?

- Possession carries with it the idea of ownership.
- Oppression carries with it the idea of irritation.

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What does satanic
oppression look like?

- **Spiritual Conflict**



Luke 22:31-34, “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.’ But he replied, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.’” (NIV)




Linda Craig, *“Every temptation is an opportunity to obey God.”*


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What does satanic
oppression look like?

- **Spiritual Conflict**
- **Physical Conflict**



2 Corinthians 12:7-9, “To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.




But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.’ (NIV)


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What does satanic
oppression look like?

- **Spiritual Conflict**
- **Physical Conflict**
- **Relational Conflict**



1 Thessalonians 2:17-18, “Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see you again. We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us.” (NLT)



2 Corinthians 2:10-11, “If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven...I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.” (NIV)

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Fighting Back

- OT - Only God spoke directly to Satan/demon.
- NT - Only Jesus & the Apostles spoke directly to Satan.

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Fighting Back

- There is no passage that commands us to speak to Satan or demons.
- There is no example of a non-Apostle speaking to Satan or demons and them obeying their commands.

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Fighting Back

EXORCISM means, *“The practice of using magical words and ceremonies to expel evil spirits or demons.”* (The New Unger's Bible Dictionary Moody Press of Chicago, Illinois Copyright © 1988)



Louis Sweet in his article in the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* says, “EXORCISM means, one who expels demons by the use of magical formula. In the strict etymological sense there is no exorcism in the Bible. The term ‘exorcists’ is used once (Acts 19:13) in a way to discredit the professional exorcists familiarly known both among Jews and Gentiles.”

How did Jesus deal with Satan and/or demons?

Luke 4:33-34, “In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ‘Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!’” (NIV)

How did Jesus deal with Satan and/or demons?

Luke 4:35-36, “‘Be quiet!’ Jesus said sternly. ‘Come out of him!’ Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, ‘What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!’ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.” (NIV)

How did Jesus deal with Satan and/or demons?

Luke 4:41, “Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, ‘You are the Son of God!’ But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.” (NIV)

**How did Jesus deal with
Satan and/or demons?**

Immediate

not let them speak

they needed Jesus' permission

The Apostles

Acts 16:18, “She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, ‘In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!’ At that moment the spirit left her.” (NIV)

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2 Corinthians 12:7-9, “To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

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But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.” (NIV)

Pray and trust God's wisdom!

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Ephesians 4:26-27, “Don't sin by letting anger control you.’ Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.” (NLT)

Resolve conflicts.

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1 Timothy 3:7, “He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.” (NIV)

**We must be consistent
about our faith.**

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1 John 1:8-10, “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.” (NIV)

Don't blame the Devil.

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Do not participate in Demonic activity.

James 3:15, “For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.” (NLT)

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:10, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” (NIV)

Spiritual weakness = more failures

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:11, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.” (NIV)

Our true enemy is Satan, not people

Ephesians 6:10-18

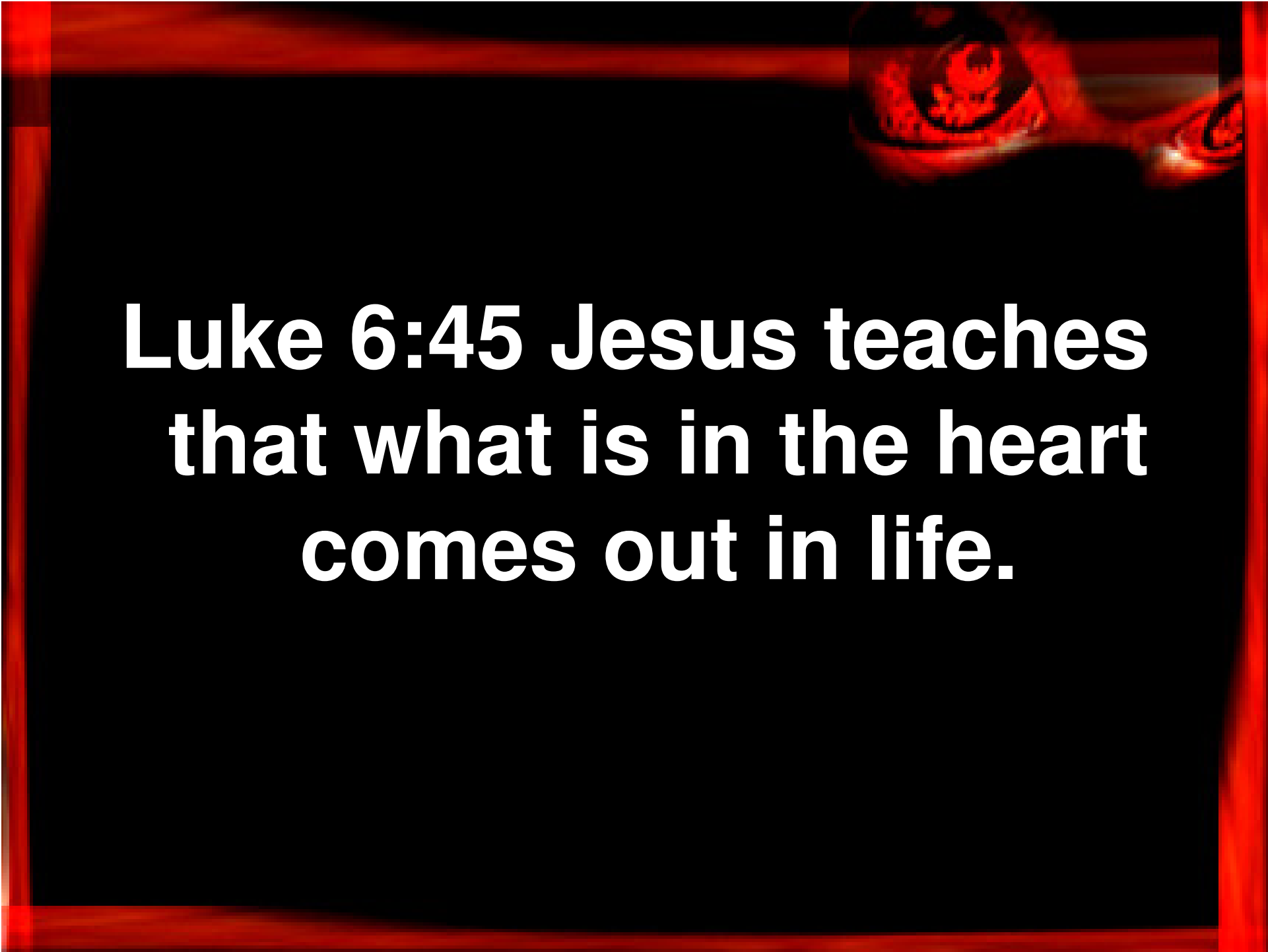
Ephesians 6:13, “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” (NIV)

Attacks will come, yet we must stand!

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:14, “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place...” (NIV)

**Know the Truth in your gut;
believe it in your heart.**



**Luke 6:45 Jesus teaches
that what is in the heart
comes out in life.**

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:15, “...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” (NIV)

Knowing the Truth

+

doing the Truth

= Peace

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:16, “In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” (NIV)

Faith in God’s way, not the temptation

Ephesians 6:10-18


Ephesians 6:17, “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (NIV)

Know, that you know, that you know, that you know you are loved and forgiven by God, then you can go on offense with the Sword.

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:18, “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” (NIV)

Prayer is an expression of humility before God and dependence on God.

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Ephesians 4:25-27, “So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And ‘don't sin by letting anger control you.’ Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.” (NLT)



**Talking to the people of
the Church**

**Talking about the Spirit
having control of your life**