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1 Peter 5:8-9 | The Devil is Real—And Resistible

Scripture Memory

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

– 1 Peter 5:6-7

Application Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **1 Peter 5:8** and **2 Thessalonians 3:3**. Based on the sermon, what is your understanding of what Satan can and can't do to a Christian? How should that shape your attitude—both your confidence in God's protection and your seriousness about the enemy's schemes?
2. Identify one or two 'weak points' in your life right now—areas where the enemy could most easily gain a foothold (Ephesians 4:27). What is one practical step you can take this week, and how can the group help you (Hebrews 3:12–13)?
3. Read **1 Peter 5:9** and **James 4:1–10**. According to James, how does 'friendship with the world' make us vulnerable in spiritual warfare (James 4:4, 7–8)? Where do you see worldliness showing up in your own desires or habits right now (e.g., what you love, fear, chase, or justify)?
4. Read **Ephesians 6:10–17**. Walk through the armor of God piece by piece. Which 'piece' do you most need to strengthen in this season (truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, salvation, the Word), and how could that practically help you resist the devil this week?

Recommended Reading

- *Fighting Satan* - Joel Beeke
- *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices* - Thomas Brooks
- *The Screwtape Letters* - C.S. Lewis
- *3 Crucial Questions about Spiritual Warfare* - Clint Arnold