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Truly Free Session 3

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Beware the Chaldeans

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. — 2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NIV)

Bible Study and Group Discussion

1. Sometimes, when we are behind closed doors, Satan attacks us the most. How have you experienced this reality that temptation and enticement to sin seem to come more intensely when we are isolated, alone, or away from home?

What can we do to fortify ourselves and create spiritual accountability and support, even when life situations make us feel and vulnerable?

2. **Read Acts 13:40-41 and Habakkuk 1:5-6.** The Chaldeans were real people who existed at a real time in history. What were some of the characteristics that marked this nation? How did they treat other nations and people groups?

In 539 BC, the Persians defeated the Chaldeans, and they disappeared from human history. Later, the term “Chaldeans” came to refer to demons. How do demons demonstrate some of the same characteristics and behaviors as the Chaldeans?

3. Some people say just as there are no more Chaldeans, there are no more demons. What are some of the dangerous consequences we will face if we deny the presence and activity of demons in the world today?

Make no mistake - Satan is vicious and his bunch is vicious. They never have a good day.

4. **Read John 10:7-10, Habakkuk 1:6, and Matthew 12:43-45.** Satan and his demonic workers are thieves. They always steal and take possession of what is not theirs. What does Jesus say about the enemy and how he steals?

How have you seen this reality in your life or in the life of someone you love?

5. One of the things the enemy and his minions love to steal is the next generation. How do you see Satan and his workers influencing, capturing, and enticing the next generation to draw them away from Jesus?

How can parents, grandparents, other family, and Christian friends reach out to young people and speak truth, extend love, and point them back to Jesus?

6. There are three things the enemy seeks to steal from God's people: our minds, our money, and our morals. In what ways right now is the enemy seeking to steal one of these from you? How can your group pray for you and encourage you to fight the battle you are facing?

7. **Read Habakkuk 1:7-9.** In the video you learned some of the ways wolves behave, size up their enemy, and attack their prey. How do you see Satan and his demonic workers hunting and attacking believers today? What tactics do you see the enemy using with effectiveness in today's world and culture?

8. One of the ways the enemy picks off sheep is to isolate them and get them away from the flock. What are some of the dangers that come when a believer gets out of the habit of being in regular fellowship, gathered worship, and support groups with other Christians?

How are we protected and strengthened when we commit to deep levels of Christian community?

The people of God act as a buffer between us and the enemy. A sheep that's off to himself, away from the pack, is open to attack. The solution is insulation, not isolation.

9. **Read Daniel 2:1-2, Habakkuk 1:15, and Ephesians 6:10-13.** Our enemy is a tricky, cunning, schemer! He lives to distract, deceive, and destroy our future. He dangles a lure in front of us with whatever bait he thinks will entice us. What bait do you have to beware of and fight to avoid? How can your group members pray for you and keep you accountable to avoid these specific temptations?

10. **Read 1 Peter 5:8-9 and Revelation 5:4-5.** Scripture warns that our adversary, the devil, prowls around like a lion looking for people to devour. What are ways we can stay sharp, keep sober, and be on the watch for the work of the enemy?

Yet the Bible says there is another lion: Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He has prevailed and is victorious! Why is it critical that we run to Jesus all the time - especially when the enemy is on the prowl? What are ways we can run to Jesus and stay close to Him?

Being sober means we are in control of ourselves through the power of the Holy Spirit.