

Don't Be Outwitted by Satan

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Paul couldn't have been more thankful for the people in Thessalonica with fresh faith in Christ. They became Christians when they obeyed the gospel Paul preached (Acts 17:1-4, 1 Thess. 2:13). So he couldn't have been more concerned about threats to their faith.

Three short paragraphs in 1 Thessalonians 2:14-3:5 reflect at least three ways Satan works to separate disciples—young and old—from God.

"¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!"

Through people, Satan harasses us. He got into the hearts of a mass of Jews like he did into the heart of Judas. They turned on their countrymen who turned to Jesus, and they pursued his disciples everywhere. Before the baptismal water had hardly dried from the newborn Christians, the devil's minions descended to kill their faith (Acts 17:4-9, 1 Th. 1:6). If he can get people to betray and murder the only perfect man who ever lived, will he have any problem getting people to harass you when you do your best to serve the Lord?

"¹⁷ But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our

hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy."

Through circumstances, Satan hinders us. He was able to set up a roadblock to keep Paul from getting back to these people who meant so much to him. When things are on track for us spiritually, he will look for a way to derail us. When we are struggling but determined to repent, he will give us opportunity and incentive to keep sinning. When we want to help someone else, he will try to stop it.

"¹ Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, ² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, ³ that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. ⁴ For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain."

Through feelings, Satan disheartens us. Being a Christian won't make life trouble free (John 16:33, Acts 14:22). In fact, it creates a whole new set of problems. But they are problems worth enduring. The tempter wants to use your trials to extinguish your faith. God wants to use them to establish your faith. Will you let God have his way?

Don't be outwitted by Satan; we are not ignorant of his designs (2 Cor. 2:11).

Danny Boggs

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Judy Bryan, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Mark Edmonson, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin and Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Cheryl Neilans, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Vicki Sanders, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney, Janell VanSlyke.

Glen Honeycutt was admitted to the hospital last night and undergoing some tests today.

Vicki Sanders is experiencing a very difficult time in her battle with Covid. Please pray for her and her family.

Our **sympathy** is extended to the family of Nadine Keith. She passed away Sunday evening. She was the grandmother of Taylor Keith and also the aunt of Suzanne Dabbs.

We **rejoice** with the news that Monwell Magee anticipates coming home tomorrow.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a community member who has cancer. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



Devo and Donuts will be at 7:00 every Tuesday morning in the activities center. Begin your day with praise to God and bring a friend.

HOPE group and **guys' night** are at 6:00 tonight; girls at Bethany's house, boys at activities' center. Bring snacks.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Suffer Just like Jesus*
(1 Pet. 2:21, Danny Boggs)

P.M. Caleb Boggs

If you are not able to be at church, visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. **Ladies' Bible class** can be seen live via Facebook Live on our Hillcrest Members Board page on Thursdays at 10:00.

Please leave baby gifts for the **Keiths** on the table in the foyer by Sunday.

The elders will be hosting an **elder-led family prayer** time on Thursday evenings at 7:00 on Facebook Live. You must join Hillcrest Members' Board to be a part of this group. Members may send prayer requests through this forum beginning at noon on Thursdays.

Starting February 7, the **bulletin** will be prepared and distributed on Sunday mornings. You will receive it as you come in or can get one in your Bible class. Those of you who receive it by email, will get a copy in your email on Sunday afternoon. Those who do not have email, will be mailed a copy on Monday morning if you were not here on Sunday. There are always things that are updated or discussed in class and you can make any additional notes on your copy and have that information all together. It will also allow us to limit announcements and spend that time preparing our minds for worship.

Thank you so much for the money you gave me while I am going through my cancer treatment. There are some special people in this world and you are certainly those. This helped me more than you know and I appreciate it.
God bless you all,
Angie McConnell

The family of Wayne Deffenbaugh thanks you for your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you for the plant for Dad's service and all the expressions of sympathy and prayers we have received.

Bob for the Deffenbaugh Family

Dear Church Family,

I don't know how people survive in this world without our church family. I thank God He provided that for us. I want to thank the church for all the prayers, calls, cards, and especially the ice cream and groceries that were sent during my illness with Covid. It seems the days I was down the most were the days I got a call or a card to cheer me up and give me strength to get through one more day. I still have some breathing issues, and an appointment with a pulmonary doctor next Thursday. Praying that he can help get rid of the oxygen. Philippians 1:3

Love to my church family,
Anita Hinman

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, January 31

Wednesday, February 3

AM Opening Prayer: Carl Cobb
Communion Prayers: Tim Wald
AM Closing Prayer: Caleb Boggs

Opening Prayer: Casey Flint
Closing Prayer: Bob Murray

PM Opening Prayer: Kaed Thomas
PM Closing Prayer: Eli Giebler

RECORDS

1-24-21

1-26-20

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| Bible Study | 107 | 153 |
| AM Worship | 130 | 204 |
| PM Worship | 98 | 157 |
| Wednesday | 108 | 165 |
| Contribution | \$8,192.25 | \$10,150.08 |
| Budget | \$8,000.00 | \$7,864.15 |