



Shock And Awe





Destroying the Gates of Hell

- **Luke 10:17** The [i]seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” **18** And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. **19** Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.
- Would you like to watch Satan fall like this?



Get Ready for A Shock

- It is absolutely possible for you to see this happen, and even to participate in this disruption and destruction of his schemes and power
- The first step is to understand that a lot of what you have been taught about spiritual warfare is **WRONG**
- Maybe not wrong, exactly, but definitely not enough



Big Headline – Luke 10

- What we just read was an after-action report they brought back to Jesus after they followed his specific orders
- Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. ² And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.



These Are the Orders

³ Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no money belt, no [b]bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, '**Peace *be* to this house.**' ⁶ If a [c]man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay in [d]that house, **eating and drinking** what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. ⁸ Whatever city you enter and they receive you, **eat what is set before you;** ⁹ and **heal those in it who are sick,** and say to them, '**The kingdom of God has come near to you.'**



AWE - Jesus, IT WORKED!!!

- And that brings us back to where we started.
- The [i]seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” ¹⁸ And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.
- It worked! The Power of the enemy melted away before us. People were healed, delivered, transformed.
- Jesus said, I know, Right? I saw it all!!



Here is the Quick Set Up

- Have you ever heard spiritual warfare describe like this?
- Pray a blessing of peace over people – even though they don't deserve it
- Eat with them and begin to develop deep relationships with them – even though their attitudes offend you
- Minister to them and meet their needs – even though they don't deserve it
- THEN share the word of the Kingdom with them and watch God open their eyes



Bless, Don't Blast

- Detailed instructions from the Ekklesia book
- Speaking a blessing of peace involves not just words but an intentional impartation. It is releasing something through the spiritual realm that is intended to help or heal.
- I don't want your neighbors to know that you and I are related! I constantly extend grace to them, I love them you resent them, rather than being an advocate for them you are a witness for the prosecution . Unless you love them I cannot trust you with their lives



3 Reasons to Start Blessing

1. We need to declare peace because too often we have secretly been declaring war on them
2. Blessing them will stop our tendency to curse them, which hurts them and corrupts us
3. Blessing them begins to neutralize the power of darkness over them and creates an attraction that will draw them to light as you follow the other 3 steps



Two-Way Fellowship

- Once you have made initial contact, fellowship is the next step, not proclamation.
- But how can I have fellowship with them and not share the gospel with him?
- Fellowship provides an opportunity to show unconditional acceptance by welcoming people the way they are instead of the way we think they ought to be.
- Jesus always welcome sinners and treated them with respect.



Minister to Their Felt Needs

- Fellowship always leads to an opportunity to meet people's felt needs.
- Once we establish trust, they will be more willing to open up and tell us about challenges they are facing and needs they don't know how to meet.
- Because they have gotten to know us and know that we care, we are able to say "I've already been praying for you , could I pray with you about this right now?"
- 99.999% of the time, they say YES!



Now, Connect the Dots

- Over time, they have been directly and indirectly experiencing the love of Jesus through you.
- They know something is happening, they just aren't sure how or why, and the prayer experience with them will open doors
- They may even seek answers, and now you can tell them it is the presence of Jesus and they will want to go deeper and learn more – and the power of Satan is broken



How to Crush Satan

- The God of **peace** will soon crush Satan under your feet. Romans 16: 20
- Not the God of War , the God of PEACE!
And he does it under OUR feet
- Remember in Ephesian 6, part of the armor of God is to put on the sandals of the Gospel of Peace, obviously so that we can walk all over the enemy.
- And that is why we start by **praying a blessing of peace** over those around us!!



Now It's Time to Practice

B L E S S

Begin with prayer

Listen

Eat

Serve

Share



Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY