

# Freedom Group #10

## Vessels of Honor

**Acts 10:38** *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. NIV*

### Three Things to Know

#### 1. Demons are REAL

**Revelation 12:7-9** *Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. 8 And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. 9 This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels. NLT*

#### 2. Demons want to DESTROY YOU

**1 Peter 5:8-9** *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. NIV*

**Ephesians 5:11** *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. NIV*

#### 3. Demons respond to a HIGHER AUTHORITY

**Ephesians 6:10-12** *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. NIV*

### Authority

#### 1. The highest authority is THE NAME OF JESUS

**Luke 10:17-19** *The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. NIV*

**Philippians 2:10** *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, NIV*

## 2. The authority of THE WORD

**Matthew 4 & Luke 4** “...it is written...”

## 3. The authority of the BLOOD OF THE CROSS

**Revelation 12:11** *They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. NIV*

## 3 Daily Steps

**Matthew 10:1** *Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. NIV*

**Romans 8:37-39** *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NIV*

### 1. Submit yourself TO GOD

**James 4:7-8** *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. NIV*

### 2. Close any OPEN DOORS

**2 Corinthians 2:10-11** *Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. NIV*

**Ephesians 4:26-27** NIV

### 3. Confront your ENEMY DAILY

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5** *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. NIV*