

## Submit, Resist, Victory

[Jas 4:7 ESV] 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### I. Intro

- A. In order to not miss the forest for the trees, we took this entire passage as a whole, now we get into the trees and look at the details of a passage detailing our victory.
- B. The paragraph of study is full of nuggets that also need to be handled separately

### II. Text

#### A. Submit

- 1. Webster: to yield to governance or authority
- 2. A word that is challenging and misunderstood

#### B. Yourself:

- 1. Personal responsibility
- 2. You respond to God, and this will set you on a path to blessing or a path of difficulty

#### C. To God

- 1. The ultimate authority and author of our faith
- 2. God has a plan, His plan is best, His plan is blessed.

#### D. Resist

- 1. This is a concept some of us embrace
- 2. RESIST is similar to an act of rebellion, but in this case the challenge is to resist the work of the enemy

#### E. The devil:

- 1. He is not all powerful, or all knowing
- 2. He is crafty and cunning, but really doesn't have to be.

#### F. He will flee from you

- 1. Cowards run at the target that is prepared for defense
- 2. A fact and promise from scripture

### III. Points

#### A. Submit

- 1. Submission is counter to our fleshly desires in many ways.
- 2. To submit to something or someone:
  - a) Does not reduce your value
  - b) Does not make you less
  - c) It takes strength and humility
  - d) It takes embodying the very essence of Christ.
- 3. Christ's example:
  - a) [Jhn 5:30 ESV] 30 "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.
  - b) [Jhn 6:35-40 ESV] 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."
  - c) [Luk 22:39-43 ESV] 39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. 40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not

my will, but yours, be done." 43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

4. Submission comes before strength
5. Submission is a demonstration of strength under control
6. Submission is a gift
7. Submission is a part of the mission.

B. Resist

1. Webster: to exert oneself so as to counteract or defeat, to withstand the force or effect of
2. Resistance is natural in some aspects of life
3. Resistance is against our flesh in other aspects of life
4. To resist that which is the enemy is to fight the enemy in the spiritual realm
5. We cannot win a fight in the spiritual realm with the tools of the physical
6. God is doing this work in us in a way to show He is still on His throne, sovereign, and in charge.
7. The Jericho Principle
  - a) The battle of Jericho was not won by the strength of Joshua's army or leadership
  - b) It was done in a way that only God would receive the glory, and the people would be reminded of their dependence on Him.
  - c) March out in the open blowing horns, one time around for 6 days, on the 7th day march 7 times, on the 7th day the people were to shout...
  - d) And the walls came tumbling down.
8. God still works in the same way, and this is how you will resist the work of the enemy in your life.

C. Victory

1. When you submit to God, you are resisting the devil, and he will flee...you have victory
2. Think of it as the little guy getting picked on by a bully, and all of a sudden the bully looks scared and runs off, and the little guy turns around and sees his big brother standing behind him.
3. Our defense is in Christ, our victory is in Christ
4. Do you have victory in Christ?
  - a) Victory over your sin problem?
  - b) Victory over your death problem?
  - c) Victory over your thought life?
  - d) Victory over your addictions?
  - e) Victory over your intrusive thoughts and philosophies?
  - f) Victory over your bitterness?
  - g) Victory over your lack of forgiveness?
5. Song reference: We are hungry
  - a) Lord I want more of you, Living water rain down on me
  - b) Lord I need more of you, living breath of life come fill me up
  - c) We are hungry, we are hungry, we are hungry for more of you
  - d) We are thirsty, Lord Jesus, we are thirsty for more of you
6. This posture of our faith life will allow us to experience victory no matter the circumstances

IV. Close

- A. Are you hungry?
- B. Are you Thirsty?
- C. Are you walking Victorious?
- D. Set aside your pride, find victory in Christ!