

## “Knowing Your Enemy”

### 1) Strongholds

- o 2 Cor. 2:11
  
- o John 8:44 – Satan is a **LIAR** and **MURDERER**
  
- o 2 Cor. 10:3-5 – **Strongholds** of the mind

*“Satan’s friendship leads to the prison door.”*

*The enemy would have us focused on fear rather than faith.*

*What we feed grows!*

### 2) He Offers to Make Deals With Us

- o Matthew 4:1-11
  
- o Satan even tried to make a deal with God!
  
- o Present day examples?
  - *“Don’t mess with the devil and he won’t mess with you.”*
  - *“Don’t get too fanatic with your faith”*
  - *Physical symptoms*
  - *Mental symptoms*
  - *Emotional symptoms*
  
- o Answer the enemy as Jesus did – stand on God’s Word and His promises!

*Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”*  
Matt. 4:8-9

### 3) How to Know When the Enemy is Afoot

- o Double-whammy
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- o Accusing and shaming
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- o A sense of arrogance
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- o Mental chaos
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- o Extreme thinking

### 4) 3 Lies of the Enemy Holding People in Bondage

- o **Jesus is bad** & will hurt you!
  - *John 10:1-11 – the Good Shepherd vs. the Thief*
  - *1 John 4:1-3 – your spiritual test*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- o **Jesus is good** – but you are so bad that you can’t come to Him or you will be punished!
  - Romans 8:1, 31-34 – no condemnation

- o **You can’t get free** – you’ll just sin again – it will all just come back...!
  - Romans 8:35-39 – more than a conqueror
  - 2 Cor. 2:14 – God’s victory parade
  - Col. 2:13-15, 20 – Satan is defeated!

*A LOT of the battle comes from a faulty perspective of God and his love. When we can truly embrace His love and grace, we can better accept His protection & provision.*