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Message Series: Hope – Defeating The Enemy Inside

Today's Message: The Power of Sin in How It Works

Jeremiah 17:9 *"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"*

The Art of _____: to make someone believe that things are other than they are, so that he will do something he would never otherwise do.

1. Setting Up The _____

Hebrews 3:13 *"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."*

* **The Flesh Uses Deceit**—this law of sin in us, the flesh, uses deceit to knock out the watchman of your soul: _____

* **Deception**—not just flooding all around us, it's a fact of life inside us—concealing, hiding, the truth

James 1:14, 15 *"... each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."*

2. Getting Carried _____

Genesis 39:6-10

⇒ **Passing the Test**—Joseph's _____ protected by Two Big Thoughts:

1) "How then could I do such a wicked thing?"

2) "How then could I ... sin against God?"

1 Peter 1:13-16

⇒ **Prepared For Action**—Joseph in his mind _____ thru the deceit

⇒ **The First Line of Defense**—to keep our minds _____ that every sin is a rebellion against God!

Jeremiah 2:19 *"Consider then and realize how evil and bitter... when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of Me."*

2 Corinthians 5:14 *"For Christ's love compels us" - Paul's mind stayed focused on God, on His love, His grace, and His goodness.*

Colossians 3:2 *"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."*

⇒ **A Key Tactic of the Flesh**—_____

3. Our Job: Kill the Flesh

Romans 8:13 *“For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.”*

* Few Christians are aware of our God-given tools to finish the job.

* **The Flesh**—furiously fights against us fixing our minds on the evil of sin and on the grace of God.

* **God-Given Tools**—Meditation and Real Prayer: **Helpful Training:**

1) Speak to God as you contemplate His character, His glory, majesty and humbly adore and admire God, delighting in Him.

2) Study the Word to know the Living Word—never study and pray without calling out to God for help.

3) Ask the Holy Spirit to use His Word to shine light into the cracks and crevices of your soul.

* When The Watchman Fails, not only is he lost, but the Whole Nation is LAI D WASTE.

4. Loving God With All Your Mind

Hebrews 5:14 *“Solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”*

⇒ When our minds are dull and sluggish—the conscience will be bribed or corrupted.

2 Corinthians 5:14, 15

⇒ **A Lazy Soul**—says he’ll “never be perfect”, so he says “Why bother?” and is content with spiritual deadness and apathy

Romans 8:13