

SUPER NATURAL

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So is evil real? Is there a personal power of evil at work in the world? Is it a power that you as a human being can tap into, intentionally or unintentionally? And what happens when you do? We explore those questions and more in this message.

Scripture: [Ephesians 6:12 NLT](#); [1 Peter 5:5-11 NLT](#); [Colossians 2:13-15 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: Ongoing protection against Satan is the regular confession of sin.

Discuss:

Reminder: The goal is always a good discussion, not completing every question. Use these as a tool to help.

1. Jeff shared about Thomas Jefferson's Bible with many miraculous parts cut out. What are the supernatural parts of the Bible you sometimes struggle with?
2. Do you wrestle with the idea of a personal power of evil? Why or why not?
3. Jeff shared how refusal to believe in a personal power of evil can seem simplistic, unsophisticated, reductionistic, and even arrogant. Where do you agree or disagree?
4. Read [Ephesians 6:12](#) together. (You can read [verses 10-20](#) for extra credit.) Does it provide relief to know that some of the struggles we face are actually spiritual, or is that intimidating to you? How so?
5. Read [1 Peter 5:5-7](#). This is a message to those looking up to their elders, but it is applicable to all of us. Peter points out the importance of battling pride and worry in our life. Check out [Genesis 3:4-5](#) as well. What makes pride and worry central sins to the human heart? Which do you struggle with most? How does this show up in your day-to-day life?
6. Look at [1 Peter 5:8-9](#). Here Peter describes how Satan is like an enemy looking to devour us. Common sins like pride and worry can become footholds for Satan and his demonic forces to gain access to our lives. How have you seen this personally or in others' experience?
7. [1 Peter 5:10-11](#) reminds us that even though we battle and struggle in our time on earth, we can find hope and a firm foundation because of what Jesus has accomplished on our behalf. [Colossians 2:13-15](#) gives an even fuller picture. Because of the forgiveness provided on the cross to those who trust in Jesus, we can resist footholds through regular confession of sin. Why do you think confessing shortcomings to God and someone you trust strips them of their power? Do you have an example?

8. Regular confession is something that Christ followers in our day rarely do well. Why do you think we tend to struggle with this? In your opinion, is it easier to confess to a person or to God? Why do you feel this way?
9. When it comes to your own practice of prayer or reading the Bible, have you found a way to incorporate confession? Or have you heard of something someone else has done to make confession a regular spiritual practice?
10. Do you have someone in your life to whom you confess? If not, who could be that person for you? What confession practice could you build into the rhythm of your life?

Moving Forward:

Footholds for the enemy grow in the dark and lose their power in the light. This week, make it a regular practice to identify and confess any areas of sin in your life. Share this with God and someone you trust. When sin is brought into the light, it is much more difficult for Satan to gain power in your life.

Bonus: Watch [Jeff's past message](#) on the armour of God from Ephesians 6.