

A photograph of a forest path with a metal snare trap in the foreground. The trap is a circular metal plate with several sharp, pointed metal jaws extending outwards. It is set on a bed of grass and fallen leaves. The background shows a path leading into a dense forest of tall trees, with sunlight filtering through the canopy.

THE SNARE IS BROKEN

A FAST DESIGNED FOR SELF-DELIVERANCE

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INTRODUCTION

The Need For Personal Deliverance

“The Snare is Broken” offers a transformative journey toward self-deliverance and genuine freedom in Christ. This book empowers you to tackle life's spiritual challenges through a hands-on, proactive approach. Whether you are grappling with personal struggles or contending with unseen spiritual forces, this guide reveals a path to victory through faith, prayer, and fasting. As you delve into its content, you will learn how to harness the power of Christ to navigate and overcome these spiritual battles. The principles and practices discussed will equip you to conquer obstacles and attain absolute deliverance.

In the Scriptures, we find that liberation from demonic forces is achieved through invoking the name of Jesus, the cleansing power of His blood, the truth of God's Word, and the dynamic force of the Holy Spirit. These powerful tools are accessible to every believer (Revelation 12:1).

In this guide, readers will gain essential skills to discern and expel demons not only from themselves but from others too. Should a curse be perceived as the root cause of demonic influence, it is imperative to break it in Jesus' name, as emphasized in Philippians 2:10. Additionally, any demonic legal claims or holds should be nullified by invoking the cleansing power of Christ's blood, according to 1 John 1:7. If hidden sin is identified as the source, it must be confessed and addressed, as advised in 1 John 1:9. Through this journey, you'll realize that various forms of bondage—be it addiction, financial troubles, marital conflicts, or health issues—are strategically set traps by the enemy, whose primary objective is to steal, kill, and destroy your divinely ordained destiny, as highlighted in John 10:10.

Personal deliverance is a fundamental aspect of Christian practice. Each believer is called to engage in this ministry, empowered by the mind of Christ and the authority given to us to expel demons, as highlighted in Mark 16:17. However, there are individuals who have been especially graced by the Lord to excel in the deliverance ministry. These individuals are meant to augment the efforts of other church leaders, playing a crucial role in helping Christians achieve their fullest potential. For the past twenty years, I have had the honor of serving as an instrument of God in delivering many individuals, a role I approach with humility and reverence.

Through divine intervention, I have had the extraordinary experience of observing demonic oppression and harassment affecting both believers and non-believers alike. One particularly poignant example is that of a Christian mother's child, who suffered intensely from sudden seizures and convulsions. This heart-wrenching event vividly illustrated the spiritual battles faced by individuals from all walks of faith.

This child was merely four years old when the event took place. After a Friday night service at the church, the child's mother invited me to her home to pray for her little one. She did not

provide any details regarding the child's condition. The next day, a Saturday, I arrived at her home, and she welcomed me to sit at her bar table. We each settled onto tall bar chairs. Before she could explain her child's ailment, I asked her to hold her thoughts and listen to me first. Earlier, on my way to her house, I received a call from one of my prayer warriors, who was unaware of this woman or her situation. During our conversation, I mentioned that I was heading to pray for a woman and her child. Immediately, my prayer warrior shared with me a sudden prophetic message she received. She disclosed that the woman I was visiting had a young child who suffered from seizures and convulsions. In her vision, she saw the child's father traveling to Ghana and buying a gold chain with a crucifix for his little daughter as he prepared to return.

In the vision, as he placed the crucifix into his bag, his mother subtly replaced it with an identical chain without him noticing. The vision uncovered that, upon the father's return, he handed the chain to the mother, who subsequently placed it around her child's neck. The child fell ill and suffered relentless demonic attacks. As I recounted this vision, the woman fell from her high bar stool and cried out the name of Jesus. When I inquired about her reaction, she hastily went to her room and brought back the gold chain I had described, with the crucifix attached. The woman, visibly shaken and hysterical, began detailing the sequence of events that had led to her request for prayer for her child. She elaborated that indeed, the child's father had traveled to Ghana and returned with numerous gifts and clothing for the child. Among these gifts was the very gold chain in question. She admitted that, for reasons she couldn't quite articulate, she felt uneasy about giving the gifts directly to the child. Therefore, she took everything to her church, where the pastors prayed over the items. Confident that the items were now blessed, she allowed the child to use them. However, in the following months, the child became gravely ill, suffering from seizures and convulsions. The doctors were baffled, unable to diagnose the cause of the illness. The mother had never suspected that the gold chain might be linked to her child's mysterious ailment. Taking the chain from her, I prayed over the child. Upon returning home, I burned the chain and observed an unusual smoke emerge from it. From that moment on, the child experienced no further seizures or convulsions. It has now been nearly fifteen years, and the child has remained healthy ever since.

Based on my personal experiences and the various instances of deliverance I have performed firsthand, I can confidently assert that a demonic force operates covertly to trap people in cycles of bondage and destruction.

I have met numerous devoted believers who hold the belief that Christians do not require deliverance, as the principle stands that once a person is "born again," the "old things are passed away" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This concept is indeed valid. However, the challenge arises in understanding that when an individual experiences Salvation, it is their spirit that is "born again." The flesh and soul, on the other hand, necessitate continued effort and refinement. The soul, which houses the mind, must undergo a process of renewal, and the body must be consecrated and kept holy before God, as emphasized in Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 7:1.

The body needs to be purified or cleansed. Many Christians continue to struggle under satanic influence due to the property of demonic elements within their physical bodies, rather than their spirits. Because the flesh is not born again, it becomes an instrument the devil uses to trap the spirit of the believer (Romans 8:7). During the process of deliverance, the focus is on identifying and eliminating these snares that hinder a Christian from achieving their full potential. Typically, Christians gain significant benefits from deliverance because, being “born again,” they understand how to maintain their freedom through the Word of God, preventing any resurgence of these demonic forces.

Throughout this book, you'll come to realize that deliverance isn't rooted in mysticism. Self-deliverance is effective, and I consistently encourage individuals to pray independently to break free from delays and stagnation in their lives. However, there are moments when it becomes essential to join forces with someone who possesses a stronger spiritual influence to effectively confront and overcome the adversary.

Numerous Christians who bear what is perceived as the “mark of the devil” frequently encounter significant delays or must endure severe hardships to achieve what others may obtain effortlessly (Job 24:16 KJV). There are numerous instances of postponed marriages or financial struggles directly resulting from demonic activities and oppression triggered by the devil's traps.

Demonic oppressions and attacks manifest more frequently in some individuals' lives compared to others due to unresolved generational issues. First-generation Christians often face a significantly higher degree of spiritual warfare than their second or third-generation counterparts. This disparity arises because first-generation Christians serve as the initial defenders in the spiritual struggle, bearing the brunt of the conflict. Their triumphs lay the groundwork for the spiritual strength of subsequent generations. Similarly, a first-born child usually encounters more challenges in life than their younger siblings, as they often pave the way, contending with harder battles. It is crucial to understand that being a Christian does not confer immunity from demonic attacks simply due to one's rebirth in Christ. On the contrary, to be “born again in Christ” is to be “born against the devil,” marking the commencement of spiritual warfare.

Upon experiencing salvation in Christ, individuals often continue to bear the imprints of ancestral issues, as it is their spirit that is born again, not their natural being (the body and soul). During deliverance, ties to bloodline curses and demonic associations are severed. Numerous accounts exist of people breaking free from the enemy's grasp through such deliverance, a fact well-recognized by many.

This book is designed to empower you, enhancing your discernment and heightening your vigilance against the cunning schemes and traps of the devil. As stated in 1 Corinthians 9:7, "Who serves as a soldier at his own expense?" The Lord, who calls His followers to service, also has means of protecting them from harm and assaults. Moreover, God has unique ways of bestowing blessings upon His children who engage in the ministry of deliverance.

In the realm of deliverance ministry, I have faced numerous counterattacks, a few of which I will discuss throughout this book. Certain sins are too grave to take lightly. Those who serve as deliverance ministers must exercise caution and avoid any indulgence in sin. Anyone, who takes upon themselves to rout the devil from his hiding place in the lives of people must be ready to always live a holy life. There are some sins you cannot commit and plan to repent later. You may be consumed in the process. There are some sins you dare not dabble into because the enemy is after you for 24 hours. In truth, this is a principle that all Christians should heed, as playing with sin can create an opening for the devil's influence. You have to keep yourself holy and free from immoralities in order not to be a needless casualty of the devil's counterattacks.

Before proceeding, it's crucial to emphasize that anyone engaged in ministering deliverance should refrain from engaging in conversations with individuals possessed by evil spirits during deliverance sessions. Engaging in such dialogues is inadvisable and should be avoided if such situations arise. From a scriptural standpoint, conversing with possessed individuals is not scriptural, as any information they offer is likely to be deceitful, given that the devil is considered the father of lies. While it's true that Jesus did speak to a possessed man, as recorded in Mark 1:23-26 and Mark 5:8-9, it's important to note that Jesus did not initiate these conversations. Instead, the possessed individuals spoke first. Moreover, Jesus did not dwell on these interactions or probe them with numerous questions; He resolutely commanded the spirits to leave. We should follow this example and focus on the act of deliverance rather than engaging in unnecessary dialogue.

“The Snare Is Broken” serves as a spiritual journey aimed at liberating oneself from the enigmatic challenges rooted in family lineage. If you find that your life and family are entangled in repetitive and damaging patterns, it's likely that an unseen force is driving this cycle of turmoil through your bloodline. Together, we can acknowledge this phenomenon and explore ways to break free from these inherited issues.

Over the coming twenty-eight days, we will embark on a spiritual journey, guided by detailed Biblical devotions complemented by fasting and prayer. Through God's grace, this dedicated period promises personal deliverance and widespread salvation within our bloodlines.

SECTION 1

KEY CONCEPTS OF DELIVERANCE

UNDERSTANDING DELIVERANCE

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to **preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised**”*

- Luke 4:18 -

We deduce from the above Scripture that the imperative mission of Jesus Christ on earth was:

1. To preach the gospel of salvation
2. To heal the sick
3. To preach deliverance to the captives

Salvation, Healing, and Deliverance are divine gifts accessible to all, signifying that anyone who earnestly seeks them with the intention of nurturing a deeper connection with God can receive these blessings. It is a fundamental right for everyone to experience deliverance, as underscored in John 8:36, which proclaims, "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." Thus, deliverance is available to all who sincerely yearn for it. The ministry of Jesus Christ is rooted in deliverance—He expelled demons, cured the sick, and preached the good news of the Kingdom of Heaven, a mission that continues to this day.

THE DOCTRINE OF DELIVERANCE

Is It Biblical?

The term "deliverance" holds significant weight in the Bible, yet it rarely surfaces in Evangelical Christian vocabulary. Over the years, I cannot recall hearing a sermon focused on deliverance within an evangelical church setting. This omission is quite notable because "deliverance" captures the totality of God's redemptive plan for humanity that ought to be integral to our Christian vocabulary. Neglecting this term represents a major failure, as it illuminates a crucial facet of God's redemptive plan with great clarity.

In Psalm 91, we encounter the reference to God as the Deliverer on three distinct occasions, emphasizing His role in delivering His people. Despite its infrequent use, the term "deliverance" stands out as particularly fitting—it summarizes the full breadth and clarity of God's gracious and powerful interventions in our lives. My exploration of theological texts has revealed that discussions on deliverance are surprisingly rare, even when scouring Biblical References. Yet, it remains a profoundly significant term both Biblically and in the English language. The word "deliverance" inherently carries a warfare tone—it evokes a sense of drama. In common English usage, when we think of "deliverance," synonyms like "rescue" naturally come to mind. This term conjures images of someone being saved from a captivity, a perilous bondage that they lack the power to escape on their own, necessitating intervention by a greater force. Biblically, "deliverance" precisely conveys this notion. The term is rich with meaning, imbued with an innate sense of drama and warfare.

In the Old Testament, we encounter three distinct Hebrew words for "deliver." The first word, "natsal," primarily signifies rescue or deliverance. It is often applied to scenarios involving physical rescue or deliverance. A notable instance of this occurs in Exodus chapter 3, verse 8, where God declares, "I have come down to deliver Israel," indicating His intention to rescue the Israelites. This divine intervention meant leading them out of Egyptian oppression into the prosperous and expansive land of Canaan. Hence, "natsal" embodies the notion of a dramatic and warfare physical rescue, exemplifying how God freed the Israelites from bondage and guided them toward their promised homeland.

The term "natsal" frequently appears in reference to spiritual deliverance throughout various Biblical texts. This concept is particularly prevalent in the Psalms, where it is invoked in several passages such as Psalm 39:8, Psalm 51:14, Psalm 69:14, and Psalm 79:9. These verses depict "natsal" as a form of divine intervention, offering rescue from sin, judgment, and other spiritual bondage, ultimately symbolizing salvation.

Secondly, we encounter the term "palat." This word, another Hebrew term synonymous with "natsal," conveys the meaning of saving or delivering. Uniquely, "palat" appears predominantly in the poetic sections of the Old Testament. It's most frequently found in the Psalms but also

makes occasional appearances in other poetic passages of the Old Testament. The essence of "palat" revolves around the concept of deliverance and can even be translated as "escape."

A third term, "yasha," comes up frequently. This word typically signifies to deliver, save, or rescue. Essentially, these meanings are identical. In most cases, it is rendered as deliver or save.

All of these terms convey a similar concept: the notion of rescue—a dramatic deliverance of an individual who finds themselves in a dangerous situation beyond their control. Typically, when these terms appear in the Old Testament, God is depicted as the Rescuer, and humanity as those being rescued. God takes on the role of Deliverer, while people are the ones delivered. Thus, a fundamental theme in the Old Testament is this idea of deliverance: God as the Deliverer, humans as the delivered, with God orchestrating the plan for their rescue.

Upon reading the New Testament, the essence remains consistent. Transitioning from Hebrew to the Greek language in which the New Testament was composed, you'll encounter a well-known term, "sozo." Anyone acquainted with Biblical studies, or the New Testament will recognize this word, predominantly translated as save, or salvation. The term signifies being rescued or delivered. Typically, when the New Testament references salvation or being saved, it employs the term "sozo." This can imply physical rescue, referring to the actual saving of someone from immediate danger. More frequently, it concerns deliverance from spiritual bondage and is commonly translated as save or salvation. Additionally, there's another Greek word in the New Testament, "rhuomai," which appears approximately 18 times. It shares a similar meaning—signifying to deliver or rescue. The Apostle Paul uses this word in Colossians 1:13, stating, "God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son."

So, we have these two words from the New Testament, along with similar terms from the Old Testament, all emphasizing the notion of being delivered from a perilous situation and placed into a safer, better condition. Deliverance, therefore, stands as a central theme within the Bible. Sadly, this powerful concept has often been overshadowed by more familiar terms like "saved" and "salvation." While these words are indeed meaningful, they are not frequently used in everyday English. Conversely, the term "deliverance" is far more common and easily understood in our day-to-day dialogue. Interestingly, we don't usually rely on the word "saved" when referring to being rescued from danger. Instead, "saved" is typically reserved for contexts like securing something valuable for future use, such as savings in a bank account. When we talk about escaping from a threatening situation, we are more inclined to use "rescue" or "deliverance."

Therefore, we are delving into the concept of God as a Savior, a Deliverer who orchestrates plans of rescue and salvation. Psalm 68:20 aptly summarizes this, proclaiming, "God is to us a God of deliverances," accentuating the multiple dimensions of God's role as our Deliverer. This theme is echoed in Psalm 40:17, "You are my help and my Deliverer, O my God," and reiterated again in Psalm 70:5. The sentiments are further immortalized in the well-known verses of Psalm 144:1-2,

"Blessed be the Lord, my rock, my loving kindness, my fortress, my stronghold, and my Deliverer."

Whenever you read your Bible and encounter terms such as "saved," "save," "salvation," or "Savior," consider substituting them with a form of the word "deliver," "deliverance," or "Deliverer." This substitution sheds light on the true essence of salvation, which is fundamentally about deliverance. Becoming a Christian means being rescued from harmful and lethal threats of the powers of darkness; those dangers that threaten one's destiny and eternal soul. Thus, genuine salvation, the divine intervention of God, is an act of deliverance. It signifies the dramatic rescue of anyone (the unbeliever and believer) from life-threatening forces of darkness that seek to destroy and condemn them. Our role as the Church of Jesus, therefore, encompasses the mission of deliverance. We are dispatched by God to communicate His plan of deliverance to all humanity. God, who inherently is the sole Deliverer, has devised a plan to free humanity from everything that endangers their eternal well-being.

Indeed, perhaps the most profound way to understand the influence of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believing sinner is by recognizing the Spirit's role in the process of deliverance. When we explore concepts like salvation, regeneration, new birth, being born again, new life, and transformation, we are fundamentally referring to experiences of grace that reflects God's deliverance.

One vital purpose of this spiritual exercise is to highlight that the essence of being a Christian lies in the notion of deliverance. Fundamentally, a Christian is an individual who has experienced a permanent deliverance from spiritual and physical bondages of the powers of darkness. Hence, absolute deliverance is definitive of the Christian identity. Contrary to common misconceptions, being a Christian is not merely about professing belief in Jesus, reciting specific prayers, attending church, or being part of a so-called Christian organization. It's not about having positive feelings toward God or Jesus either. Rather, a true Christian is someone who has undergone a profound deliverance. Simply put, Christians are those who have been delivered.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The word Deliverance is the same word often translated as Salvation from the Greek word, Sozo

1. Save
2. Rescue
3. Deliver

THE IMPERATIVE OF DELIVERANCE

The word Deliverance is an encompassing word, loaded to mean:

- To be rescued.
- To be set free
- To cast out or drive out

Our working definition then is that, Deliverance means, to be set free from anything that negatively controls, restrains, burdens, or enslaves us.

*"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."
- Obadiah 1:17*

There are 3 things God desires for you:

1. Your Deliverance
2. Your Holiness
3. Your Possession (Destiny).

Take Note of This:

1. There's a blessing, a Possession, God has allocated for your destiny.
2. But you can't have this divine Possession to fulfill your destiny unless you've first of all been delivered.
3. Your Deliverance can't be sustained without your Holiness.
4. Holiness simply means to condition yourself for God. In other words, to belong or set yourself apart to God. This means you're no longer your own, but of God. You can't do or go where you want unless it pleases God. If you belong to Him then you must submit your desires, will, ambitions and all life choices to Him. This is Holiness.
5. Holiness is between your Deliverance and your Possession.
6. You can't, and I repeat you can't fulfill divine Purpose until you've divine Deliverance.
7. God has something for you, but you can't have it until you're delivered.

Deliverance represents the breaking of oppressive and satanic constraints. Much like a yoke, which binds two animals together, restricting one's movement to the pace of the other, these spiritual yokes hinder personal progress and freedom. Imagine if one animal decides to lag behind or becomes weary or lazy; the other is inevitably forced to slow down as well. Such bonds called the yoke are detrimental and can severely impede one's advancement. Therefore, deliverance is essential as it shatters these hindering yokes, liberating an individual to move forward unimpeded.

WHAT IS SELF-DELIVERANCE?

Self-deliverance is an empowering spiritual practice allowing believers to reclaim their freedom and fully embrace God's promises. This practice involves individuals taking control of their spiritual well-being by rejecting and casting out any demonic influences or strongholds affecting their lives. It requires a deep personal commitment to spiritual warfare, calling upon the power of the Holy Spirit, and utilizing the teachings of the Bible to break free from oppression, sin, and bondage.

The foundation of self-deliverance lies in the belief that Jesus Christ endowed us with the authority to overcome all enemy power, as stated in Luke 10:19, "I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy."

The importance of self-deliverance cannot be overstated for a number of reasons:

1. **Believer's Responsibility:** It is imperative for every believer to be responsible for their own spiritual well-being. While it is beneficial to have others pray on our behalf, we must actively engage in our journey of deliverance. Consider this: Who is more empowered, someone who is consistently bathed by another or someone who has learned to bathe themselves? Clearly, the latter embodies self-sufficiency! It's time to step up and safeguard your destiny! Ask yourself, what would happen to your future if your prayer warrior—be it your mother, sister, or pastor—were no longer around? Many may not realize that their stability is largely due to the fervent prayers of others. It's time to arise, seize authority, and take an active role in the direction of your own spiritual path!
2. **Safeguarding Your Salvation:** A Lifelong Journey Deliverance is not merely a one-off event but an ongoing journey. Self-deliverance plays a crucial role in maintaining continual spiritual liberation and preventing the resurgence of demonic influences. It is pivotal to understand that even when a powerful deliverance has taken place, the devil ceaselessly looks for opportunities to regain entry. Many individuals fail to realize this, often finding themselves bewildered when the demons they once cast out reappear after only a few weeks. This recurrence typically happens because, as humans, we may falter in our vigilance, becoming lax in our prayers and spiritual defenses. The devil, on the other hand, remains relentless, constantly looking for ways to reclaim his stronghold and to launch persistent attacks. By regularly engaging in self-deliverance, we can reinforce our defenses and ensure sustained spiritual freedom. Remaining proactive in our spiritual practices and self-deliverance endeavors secures our continuous freedom, enabling us to repel any attempts by negative forces to infiltrate our lives again.

3. **The Believer's Authority:** A totally delivered Christian in the spiritual realm is equipped to harness the authority bestowed by Christ, fostering spiritual development and maturity. It's important to understand that a Christian does not suddenly become bold and assured. Instead, confidence and courage build progressively. Imagine participating in a minor conflict and witnessing remarkable results; this experience emboldens you, making you more prepared for larger challenges. If minor issues cause anxiety, major problems could overwhelm you completely. Regular practice of self-deliverance, done with fervent prayers and consistency, not only fortifies our faith but also infuses our spiritual journey with newfound strength and power. This process of fearless engagement in self-deliverance acts as a crucial tool for spiritual empowerment and resilience in our walk with the Lord.

4. **Divine Connection:** Engaging in regular self-deliverance helps dismantle any barriers between us and the Divine, which in turn bolsters our intimacy with Him. As it is written in Job 42:5: "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You." Although we may have been told of the Lord's greatness through our pastors or learned about His mighty deeds from the Bible, these are merely second-hand accounts. They are other people's experiences and descriptions of God. It is only when we personally witness and experience Him that our beliefs become unwavering. Without that personal encounter, our understanding and relationship with Almighty God will remain superficial, and true intimacy with the Divine will elude us.

WHO IS DELIVERANCE FOR?

The ability to achieve self-deliverance is crucial for:

1. **Every Christian:** The true believer is encouraged to incorporate self-deliverance into their spiritual routine, akin to a regular cleansing habit. Think of it as stepping into a spiritual x-ray room, identifying personal issues, and addressing them. It's comparable to a thorough, self-administered bath where one strips away burdens and actively cleanses themselves. Integrating this practice into your life—whether it's weekly, monthly, or bi-monthly—will enhance your spiritual hygiene and foster a healthier, more robust faith journey.

2. **Those Encountering Bondage:** People wrestling with recurring sins, addictions, fears, or oppressive situations. If you observe such struggles within yourself, your family, or your parents, it becomes impossible to remain passive. This is something you desperately need above all!

3. **Spiritual Leaders:** Pastors, ministers, and other spiritual mentors stand at the forefront of spiritual battles. Indeed, I have been faced with numerous counterattacks on my life, health, finances, marriage and ministry, as a result of having ministered deliverance to others. These instances illuminate the relentless nature of evil forces. It underscores the imperative that as you wage spiritual warfare in for others, your church and nation, you must equally fortify your home and protect your loved ones from spiritual attacks. Remember, the Devil never rests.
4. **The Newborn Christian:** For individuals who have recently committed their lives to Jesus, it's crucial to sever ties with past influences and firmly root their identity in Christ. As a new convert, you must consistently stand against any forces that oppose the transformative work the Lord has begun and continues to do in your life. Engaging in this spiritual battle is essential to solidify your newfound faith and grow in your relationship with Him.

IMPACT OF NEGLECTING SELF-DELIVERANCE

1. **Spiritual Vulnerability:** Overlooking the practice of self-deliverance can result in spiritual complacency and an increased susceptibility to adversities.
2. **Bondage:** Allowing bondage is akin to granting the devil free rein to construct his nests in our lives, infiltrating our homes, and minds. When these strongholds take root and persist, they act as formidable barriers, impeding personal progress, usefulness, growth, destiny, and overall effectiveness in life.
3. **A Gap in Spiritual Connection:** Unaddressed spiritual concerns can erect barriers between us and God, influencing our relationship with Him.
4. **Absence of Authority:** Neglecting to practice self-deliverance weakens our spiritual authority in Christ, leaving us vulnerable to the devil's cunning strategies.

WHAT ISSUES CAN SELF-DELIVERANCE FIX?

Self-deliverance can address a wide range of spiritual, emotional, and physical issues. Here is a list of problems that self-deliverance can fix by the power of the Holy Spirit:

1. **Spiritual Problems:**
 - Oppression by demonic spirits
 - Bondage to sin
 - Spiritual stagnation

- Generational curses
- Witchcraft and occult influences
- Unholy soul ties
- Spiritual blindness and deafness

2. Emotional Problems:

- Depression
- Anxiety and fear
- Anger and rage
- Unforgiveness and bitterness
- Rejection and abandonment
- Guilt and shame
- Low self-esteem and self-worth

3. Mental Problems:

- Confusion and forgetfulness
- Mind control and manipulation
- Double-mindedness
- Mental illness
- Schizophrenia
- Chronic fear and anxiety
- Depression and hopelessness
- Obsessive thoughts
- Compulsive behaviors
- Self-destructive thoughts and behaviors

4. Physical Problems:

- Sickness and disease
- Infertility and barrenness
- Chronic pain
- Sleep disturbances
- Unexplained fatigue

5. Relational Problems:

- Marital conflict
- Family strife
- Broken relationships
- Inability to form healthy relationships

- Negative influences and peer pressure

6. Financial Problems:

- Poverty and lack
- Financial mismanagement
- Unemployment
- Failure in business endeavors
- Debt and financial bondage

7. Behavioral Problems:

- Addictions (e.g., drugs, alcohol, pornography)
- Compulsive behaviors
- Sexual immorality
- Self-harm

8. Life Issues:

- Stagnation and limitation
- Failure at the edge of breakthrough
- Closed doors and missed opportunities
- Delay in marriage
- Barrenness and unfruitfulness

9. Social Problems:

- Isolation and loneliness
- Social anxiety
- Difficulty in maintaining friendships
- Misunderstandings and conflict in social settings

10. Work and Career Problems:

- Career stagnation
- Workplace conflicts
- Lack of promotion
- Unfulfilled potential
- Job loss and instability

11. Personal Identity Problems:

- Identity confusion

- Issues with self-image
- Lack of purpose and direction
- Identity crisis

Here are so many issues that can be fixed by self-deliverance. I gave us this list so that we can understand that nothing is too little to overlook when it comes to the issue of self-deliverance. And this list is non exhaustive!

Every Christian must be taught self-deliverance and the ministration of deliverance unto others.

- The ministry of deliverance belongs to every believer (Mark 16:16-17)
- Jesus sent 72 of his disciplines to go and perform deliverance (Luke 10:16-18)

SECTION 2

THE SNARE IS BROKEN

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Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:6-8).

In Psalm 124, we encounter the imagery of the snare and the fowlers. Likely, you've come across the term fowlers—these are individuals who hunt birds. Prior to the advent of firearms, fowlers were skilled professionals in bird-catching. Their method involved laying a net on the ground, which was connected to a spring-loaded trap or snare for ensnaring birds.

The fowler employed corn as an enticing bait, scattering it strategically on the ground close to his carefully set trap. When the unsuspecting bird pecked at the corn, the trap would activate, swiftly throwing a net over the bird to secure it. This method exemplifies the fowler's snare — a cunning trap engineered specifically to capture birds.

In a similar vein, the devil concocts and sets numerous traps for those who follow God. This Scripture metaphorically paints the devil as a fowler, much like an individual who entraps birds. A fowler employs multiple strategies to capture its prey, with perhaps the most efficient being the snare. To understand, a snare is a particular kind of trap that a fowler uses to immobilize and capture a bird. This Scripture provides specific aspects that warrant careful contemplation.

SATAN Is The FOWLER

In his realm, satan deploys an array of tools and operatives designed to create havoc, particularly targeting those who follow God in a relentless endeavor to disrupt their lives. His cunning expertise lies in ensnaring individuals' destinies. Backed by a legion of devoted subordinates, including demonic entities, principalities, and powerful forces, these agents of chaos are relentless in their mission to distress and deplete the faithful. Lurking snares surround us, manifesting in various guises, often biding their time to ensnare unsuspecting victims. These traps are typically concealed and seldom apparent, frequently set by those closest to us. For instance, even a spouse can unwittingly or deliberately become an instrument for such treachery.

Hence, Jesus forewarned:

"a man's enemies will be those of his own household." (Matthew 10:36)

They aim to ensnare you during your most vulnerable times, driven by a clear intent. The mastermind behind all these nefarious traps is satan himself. These snares stem from a diabolical scheme orchestrated by satan, also known as the fowler, to:

1. Kill
2. Steal
3. Destroy.

IMPORTANT KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOWLER IN YOUR LIFE

- You cannot afford to enter this fasting in ignorance.
- You must possess the full knowledge of your enemy, that devil called satan whom the Bible says “walks around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8).
- You shall not be a meal to him.
- You shall not be a prey to the mighty.
- You shall not fall into his snare.
- You shall not die in the snare of the fowler.

Now before we progress any further, it is imperative that we establish a background check on this diabolical fowler and the agency operation at his command.

However, I will not expose you into the camp of demonic strongholds without a covering prayer. Now, before you proceed further into this devotional. Place your right hand on your head (which is the seat of your soul) and make these bold declarations:

VITAL PRAYER POINTS:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I declare now, every power setting traps or snares for me, fall in your own trap and perish, in the name of Jesus the Christ.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I declare now, every trap or snare set to return me to zero, be broken now in the name of Jesus the Christ.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I boldly declare any snare facing my direction is broken now in the name of Jesus the Christ.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I boldly declare now, my family and I are preserved and shielded from every evil fowler in Jesus name.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I declare now, I immerse and submerge myself in the powerful Blood of Jesus the Christ.

AMEN!

As you have prayed and are covered, may we proceed to some technical definitions and revelations about the SNARE and the FOWLERS.

WHAT IS A SNARE / TRAP?

Study Text: Psalm 124:6-8

- A snare is a cleverly concealed device, meticulously designed to trap a specific target.
 - At times, an attractive lure is strategically used to entice the target, leading them to approach for food and subsequently become trapped.
1. A snare refers to any device or tactic crafted by an adversary intending to entrap.
 2. A snare entices a target into captivity.
 3. An unexpected trap designed to catch you off guard (ie. A sudden attack).
 4. An obstacle set by adversaries designed to diminish your potential. A tool for undermining your progress.
 5. An intricately woven web of destruction designed to hold a subject in bondage.
 6. A tool used by the devil (referred to in the Bible as schemes, devices, or plots).
 7. A device specifically created to limit and restrict an individual's movements.

PRAYER: Under the covering of the Superior of Blood Jesus Christ, Let every trap or snare designed to enslave me be shattered in the name of Jesus the Christ.

WHO IS A FOWLER?

A fowler is:

1. The devil also called satan. Revelation 12:9, Psalm 140:4-5, 2 Timothy 2:26.
2. The adversary, anyone who fights against your destiny. 1 Peter 5:8
3. The enemy, one who sows evil seeds to set a snare. Matthew 13:28
4. Satanic hunters that are assigned to trap believers.
5. A monitoring spirit assigned against your movement and progress.
6. A jealous or envious human instrument assigned to bait you. Jer.18:22.
7. Household Wickedness. Psalm 29:6, Psalm 9:16, Psalm 119:10.
8. A human agency controlled by satan to entice you into sin. To bring down your hedges.

PRAYER: Every diabolical power setting evil traps or snares to steal and destroy my destiny perish now in the name of Jesus the Christ.

THE PURPOSE OF EVIL SNARES

1. To Steal your destiny
2. To Destroy your future
3. To Kill or Devour your life
4. To Sell your glory at the dark marketplaces

5. To sabotage your progress and make you stagnated
6. To demote you from being the Head
7. To depress and oppress you and make you lonely
8. To limit your vision and desires
9. To take away your place in life
10. To afflict you
11. To cause you sickness
12. To enter you into mental illness
13. To diminish your finances
14. To bring untimely death
15. To cause you never to enjoy what you build or work for
16. To use you (ie. Decoration, entertainment, sex, etc.)
17. To cause you to give up on life
18. To submit to your oppressor or abuser
19. To make you powerless
20. To die in vain / to be a needless casualty war (ex. Uriah). To die stupid death.

7 WAYS THE THE ENEMY ENSARES PEOPLE

1. Engaging in a lifestyle of constantly begging and borrowing can ensnare you in a harmful cycle. You may find yourself spiritually indebted to others, who then exploit your strengths and virtues to their advantage. (Lamentation 5:6).
2. Evil company or association (1 Corinthians 14:33).
3. Unequally yoked with unbelievers (1 Corinthians 6:14).
 - The Scripture uses the image of a yoke, a wooden bar that joins two oxen together.
 - An “unequally yoked” team has one ox that is stronger or taller than the other.
 - The weaker ox walks more slowly, causing the load to go around in circles.
 - Paul uses this image to illustrate the snare of a believer in Jesus being in an unequal partnership with an unbeliever.
4. Beware of evil gifts (Proverbs 29:4-5).
5. Be discerning and cautious when accepting gifts.
6. Consider whether the gift has strings attached or a hidden agenda.
7. The place where you reside, are employed, or attend religious services can be a snare.
8. The miracle: Jesus healed a blind man.
9. The instruction: After healing him, Jesus told the man to go home, but not to enter the town and not to tell anyone in the town about what happened.

- Possible reasons: The place you reside may be a contributing factor to your problem. The people you tell your secrets to may be affecting your progress.
10. Engaging in an addictive lifestyle that includes excessive drinking, infidelity, sexual immoralities, and smoking can lead to the devil's snare.
 11. Making intentional and unintentional evil covenants (Joshua 9:15 / 2 Samuel 21).
 - The Gibeonites disguised themselves as travelers and asked Joshua to make a covenant with them.
 - The Gibeonites used deception, including wearing old clothes and carrying dry bread, to trick Joshua and the Israelites.
 - Joshua and the Israelites made a peace treaty and sealed it with an oath.
 - God judged Israel for Saul's mistreatment of the Gibeonites by causing three consecutive years of famine.
 - David avenged the Gibeonites by ordering the execution of seven of Saul's descendants.

EFFECTS OF EVIL SNARES

1. Spiritual Blindness and the Diminishment of Spiritual Power and Strength: Consider the story of Samson as illustrated in Judges 16:19-20.
2. Destiny Limitation and Unfulfillment (Zechariah 1:18-19).
3. Stagnation, Demotion, and Retrogression: You will see no progress or breakthrough in some or all portions of your life.
4. Lost Glory and Star Hijacking.
5. Unfruitful relationships: unable to marry, marriages become a war zone, and unfriendly friends.
6. Cycles of unexplainable sicknesses.
7. Cycles of failure.
8. The bondage of fear.
9. The bondage of addiction.
10. Spiritual and physical bareness.

FIRE PRAYERS

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I declare, any power pursuing my life for destruction, I command you now, give up and perish by the Fire of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I declare now, any power that wants me to fall from grace to nothing, be devoured now by the fire of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I declare now, every evil power that wants trap me in sickness, or poverty, perish by the fire of Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus the Christ.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I declare now, every power setting a snare for my destruction, your time has come to perish now by the fire of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I declare now, every trap set for me and/or my family, be broken to pieces by the fire of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ.

DAILY DEVOTION & PRAYERS

*There are certain experiences one faces in life that should indicate that one is already in the snare of the devil. You need to critically examine your life and watch out for one or more of the following experiences. This should call for a fervent prayer with fasting in order to destroy this snare and for your soul to escape. In this devotion we will engage **30 Snares of the Fowlers** and Break Free in the Almighty name of Jesus.*

DAY 1
THE SNARE THAT
PURSUES

Day 1 – LOG ON: Morning Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to begin the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Lord, if I am my own worst enemy, arise and help me today.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O Lord, let your mercy speak for me, in the name of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Blood of Jesus, break every evil snare in my life in Jesus name.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every stubborn pursuer of my father's house, die by fire, in the name of Jesus.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every stubborn pursuer of my mother's house die by fire, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every power assigned to bring me down, turn back and die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every warfare prepared for my life, scatter by the blood of Jesus, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Arise O God, pursue my snare-pursuer, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O God arise and let all internal pursuers scatter unto desolation, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O God, arise and scatter enemies that refuse to let me go, in the name of Jesus.

DAY 1 – THE SNARE THAT PURSUES

1. The first snare you must break free from: The Evil Habit That Follows You.

Not All Sins Sting The Same: Certain sins actively seek you out, devise plans against you, and lay traps for your downfall. I refer to this phenomenon as the SNARE THAT PURSUES. While some sins are pursued by your own volition, there exist others that relentlessly chase after you, compelling you to engage with them. At this very moment, a SINFUL THOUGHT may be lurking within your soul. If it is not present now, it will inevitably make its presence known later. These thoughts come and go, representing actions you wish to avoid, yet they persistently pursue you each day. This is not merely a fleeting thought or a personal struggle; it transcends individual weakness. The reality is that there exists a pursuer intent on leading you into this sin, setting traps that entice you to indulge in it from time to time.

The objective is not to lead you into sin. The trap is not designed for the sin itself; rather, the sin serves as the lure. Ultimately, the trap is intended to deprive you of your destiny.

Now picture this with me:

And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. – 1 Samuel 11:1

NOTE:

- The year is expired: This snare follows you from year to year. It pursues and never expires just because the year has expired. It joins you in the new year.
- David is in a new year: Each new year begins with new resolutions, dreams and visions. David's new year resolution will fail because of a diabolical snare.
- This was springtime: A time set for new beginnings and life. This was the year of his new beginnings and fruitfulness, but the snare of the fowler robbed him of the harvest.
- It was time for Kings to fulfill their duties: The snare of the fowler can bait you away from duties and destiny.
- David sent a subordinate in his stead: He passed on his responsibilities. Never relinquish a responsibility that God has assigned you to do to anyone.
- Everyone went, but David *still* remained: The bait kept him near the snare.

The trap is being laid. David was oblivious to the evil machinations unfolding. What you fail to recognize is that the seemingly inconsequential decision to remain at home, to skip work, to avoid church, to neglect prayer, and to refrain from reading the Bible has far-reaching consequences. The seemingly trivial choice to tell a "small lie, a white lie, or a so-called harmless lie" has now culminated in your current turmoil. The predicament you are facing is

your entrapment. That "little lie" was the bait that the fowler utilized to ensnare you. Have you ever thought to yourself, "I have truly made a grave error this time." Believe me, it was not just an error; there was a pursuer who meticulously plotted the snare for your downfall. You are now so deeply entangled that you feel incapable of retreat. At a certain juncture, you have surrendered to the fowler's trap. You have yielded to your ongoing pain, mistreatment, disappointments, a failed marriage, misguided decisions that have led to financial hardship, and children who have lost their way.

This decision to stay home and relax will cost David almost everything:

1. Whilst relaxing and enjoying the beautiful day on the roof of the palace, David saw a beautiful woman called Beersheba, bathing. He immediately sent a servant for her. He was informed it was the wife of one of his military men called Uriah. But that didn't stop David, he was in the snare that pursues. He took the woman, slept with her and got her pregnant. (2 Samuel 11:1-4)
2. He then conspired with the devil to set a snare for Uriah to kill him. David killed Uriah and took his wife.
3. The prophet warned David that the blood of Uriah shall never leave his family.

The adversary was not primarily concerned with adultery or the dissolution of David's marriage. At times, it may appear that the enemy is targeting your marriage, financial stability, health, or overall happiness; however, this is merely a tactic designed to lure you into a trap where ultimate destruction awaits. Satan's objective is to kill, steal, and destroy, employing any means at his disposal. He may manipulate your friends, family members, children, and parents to achieve his goal of undermining your destiny. As a Christian, it is imperative to remain vigilant and spiritually discerning, avoiding emotional guidance and self-righteousness, lest you fall prey to his schemes (2 Corinthians 2:11). The enemy was not interested in David's pleasures. Rather, he provided temporary satisfaction to ensnare him and ultimately seize the kingdom from him. The true target was David's divinely ordained destiny and future.

For God has promised:

But My loving devotion will never be removed from him as I removed it from Saul, whom I moved out of your way. Your house and kingdom will endure forever before Me, and your throne will be established forever.”
(2 Samuel 7:16).

What the fowler knew and why he set the snare for David:

- God had promised never to remove his love from David.
- His house and kingdom shall endure forever.
- His throne shall be established forever.
- David has a bad habit of being a womanizer.
- The fowler sets a snare with his habits to rob him of promise and destiny.

The bait serves not as the objective of the fowler. Rather, it is designed to ensnare you. Within this snare, the fowler initiates the process of stripping away all that God has declared about you. It all began with a seemingly trivial choice. However, through this evil scheme of the fowler, the

house of David faces impending ruin and devastation. His offspring will turn against one another, betraying and even killing each other, contrary to God's promises. The downfall of David's lineage commenced with a detrimental habit rooted in his own selfish desires. Everyone possesses habits, both beneficial and detrimental. A habit is any action performed automatically without deliberate thought or decision. Positive habits, like maintaining cleanliness, displaying kindness, and practicing humility, are indeed a blessing. However, there are also negative habits; when your ingrained behaviors are harmful or destructive, and you struggle to alter them, they are referred to as negative habits or the snare that pursues. Negative habits are snares, that follow after you, and unless they're broken, they eventually bring destruction.

It is often remarked that "The chains of bad habits are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken:" except with divine intervention. Another insightful saying goes, "A habit is a cable; you weave a thread of it every day, and, at last, you cannot break it." These observations hold significant truth.

How often have you attempted to break free from a bad habit, only to feel almost helpless in your pursuit to eliminate it, regardless of how much willpower you muster, how many times you try, how many covenants you make, and how many resolutions you make to God each year? The reality is, we are all fallible, each battling our own set of weaknesses and desires that can easily be transformed by the devil into a snare to destroy our destiny.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
– 1 Peter 5:8

Now, before you make any decision, no matter how insignificant, ask yourself: Is there a snare set in this? Pray in everything.

Day 1 – LOG OFF: Evening Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to end the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every snare of the fowler working against my breakthroughs fall down and be terminated, in the name of Jesus.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Let the earth open up and swallow every stubborn pursuer of my life.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Within seven days, let all my stubborn pursuers expire, in the name of Jesus.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, God arise, smite my stubborn enemies on their backbone, and break their snares, in the name of Jesus.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every evil conclusion and expectation about my life, be reversed by the Blood of Jesus, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, satanic competitors assigned against my marriage, career, business, and ministry, be terminated by fire, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, God arise and deal with any power, personality, or spirit that is circulating my name for evil, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every spirt that attracts the sin of the pursuer in my life, be paralyzed now, the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I smash every snare of “almost there” to piece, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every progress arrester assigned against me, be exposed and be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.

DAY 2

ENSNARED IN TRUST

Day 2 – LOG ON: Morning Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to begin the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I take authority over this day, in the name of Jesus.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I draw upon heavenly resources today, in the name of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I confess that this is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it, in the name of Jesus.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I decree that all the elements of this day will cooperate with me, in Jesus' name.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I decree that these elemental forces will refuse to cooperate with my enemies this day, in Jesus' name.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I speak unto you the sun, the moon and the stars: you will not smite me and my family this day, in Jesus' name.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I pull down every negative energy, planning to operate against my life this day, in Jesus' name.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I dismantle any power that is chanting incantations to capture me this day, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I render such incantations and satanic prayers over me and my family null and void, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I retrieve this day from their hands, in the name of Jesus.

Day 2 – ENSNARED IN TRUST

The second snare you must break free from: The snare made in Trust.

The devil is well aware that God has surrounded you with a hedge of protection. He understands that you are too well-guarded to fall easily into his traps. Aware that some people are not naive to his strategies, he opts for more subtle approaches that target your heart. He manipulates individuals you hold dear, those you trust implicitly, and those with whom you share a deep bond.

The devil is well aware of your dedication to maintaining a righteous lifestyle. He understands your commitment to living a holy life alongside Christ and recognizes the vow you've made to remain pure and undefiled. Acknowledging your determination not to miss church services and to serve diligently, Satan and his vigilant cohorts have meticulously gathered information about your steadfast covenant with God. They are acutely aware that you hold these commitments with unwavering intention.

I am acquainted with individuals who manage their finances prudently, avoiding reckless and frivolous expenditures. Despite their financial acumen, they may still fall victim to unforeseen financial traps. The strategy of the devil, aiming to shatter their financial stability and bind them to their jobs, often involves exploiting their trust in others. Before long, an earnest request from a trusted friend might surface, asking them to co-sign a loan out of sheer desperation.

Alternatively, a family member in crisis might implore them to lend a substantial amount of money to settle perilous debts.

Those individuals, unknowingly falling into a financial trap set by the enemy, often co-sign loans for their friends with the best of intentions. While it comes from a place of kindness (and indeed, God encourages us to help others), it is crucial to approach such decisions with prayerful consideration. Never give to anyone, regardless of your love or trust for them, without earnestly seeking guidance through prayer. It is essential to be led by the Spirit of God in these matters. Remember, some beggars on the streets may be ensnaring traps. Not all acts of giving contribute positively to your spiritual account; some might indeed lead you into financial hardship.

Child of God be careful who you trust. Here is the story of the young prophet and the old prophet:

Now an old prophet lived in Bethel. And his sons came and told him all that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. They also told to their father the words that he had spoken to the king. And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him the way that the man of God who came from Judah had gone. 13And he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he mounted it. 14And he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak. And he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am." Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread." And he said, "I may not return with you, or go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place, for it was said to me by the word of the LORD, 'You shall neither eat bread nor

drink water there, nor return by the way that you came.’” And he said to him, “I also am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, ‘Bring him back with you into your house that he may eat bread and drink water.’” But he lied to him. So he went back with him and ate bread in his house and drank water. – 1 Kings 13:11-19

The devil was aware that the young prophet would not violate the Word of God. Thus, he devised a cunning plan involving someone he could rely on. Often, the devil manipulates fellow believers within the faith to derail your destiny. This constitutes a perilous entrapment, a snare woven with trust. Those unwitting individuals often do not realize they are being used by the devil to undermine your path, making them the bait intended for your downfall.

The young prophet was confident in the message he had received from God. However, when a more renowned prophet provided different guidance, he chose to follow this seemingly new revelation instead of sticking to the original divine instruction. Unfortunately, this decision led him into a trap. Beware of those who claim to have dreams or visions about you, professing to possess prophetic insights. The danger lies in placing your trust in their words.

This is the end of the young prophet:

And as they sat at the table, the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back. And he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD and have not kept the command that the LORD your God commanded you, but have come back and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he said to you, “Eat no bread and drink no water,” your body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.’” And after he had eaten bread and drunk, he saddled the donkey for the prophet whom he had brought back. And as he went away a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his body was thrown in the road, and the donkey stood beside it; the lion also stood beside the body. And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown in the road and the lion standing by the body. And they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived.

– 1 Kings 11:20-25

What a needless and untimely death! An abrupt conclusion to a future full of promise. The adversary has a talent for prematurely cutting short promising lives. History is filled with great individuals whose lives were truncated because they placed their trust in the wrong hands. Now, dear believer, pause and reflect deeply. Consider what you have lost due to misplaced trust. How has your life's progress been hindered by someone you believed in? Is your financial situation in turmoil because of someone you love, trust, and consistently support financially? It's crucial to identify the hidden trap within trust. Seek divine intervention, for the adversary is actively working, much like how Peter unwittingly opposed Jesus.

Day 2 – LOG OFF: Evening Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to end the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I take authority over this day, in the name of Jesus.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every destiny destroyed by trusting the wrong person, be reversed, in the name of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every diabolical snare power working against my destiny, fall down and be destroyed, in the name of Jesus.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every incantation and ritual from anyone I trust, working against my destiny, be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every power of darkness assigned against my destiny, fall down and expire, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every evil power trying to re-program my life, fall down and expire, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I reject every rearrangement of my destiny by household wickedness, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O Lord, anytime I want to trust the wrong person, direct me aright.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I refuse to be removed from the divine agenda, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I refuse to be limited by any power of darkness, in the name of Jesus.
11. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every snare set up to quench my destiny, fall down and expire, in the name of Jesus.

DAY 3

THE SNARE OF ENVY

Day 3 – LOG ON: Morning Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to begin the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Spirit of favor, counsel, might and power, come upon me, in Jesus' name.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I shall excel this day and nothing shall defile me, in the name of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I shall possess the gates of my enemies, in the name of Jesus.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, The Lord shall anoint me with the oil of gladness above others, in the name of Jesus.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, The fire of the enemy shall not burn me, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, My ears shall hear good news. I shall not hear the voice of the enemy, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, My future is secured in Christ, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, God has created me to do certain definite services. He has committed into my hands some assignments which He has not committed to anybody else. He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an agent of peace. I will trust Him in whatever I do and wherever I am. I can never be thrown away or downgraded, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, There will be no poverty of body, soul and spirit in my life, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, The anointing of God upon my life gives me favor in the eyes of God and men, all the days of my life, in Jesus' name.

Day 3: Devotional For Prayer

THE SNARE OF ENVY & JEALOUSY

The third snare you must break free from is the snare of envy and jealousy: The devil has human agents and instruments around you who are planted to provoke your destruction. They are baits and traps in disguise.

Exercise caution when dealing with these individuals, and take time to reflect and seek guidance regarding your friendships and coworkers.

It's not uncommon to encounter believers who feel envious of the accolades and respect bestowed upon another Christian, especially if that individual is held in higher regard than them. Regrettably, such sentiments are pervasive within the church community and frequently manifest within ministry circles. There are pastors who, having neglected their commitment to the Great Commission, find themselves engrossed in gossip and maneuvering against those whom Christ has elevated in their place. They avoided making necessary sacrifices, only to see someone else recognized and honored by God. It is crucial not to let the devil exploit you as a pawn in his scheme.

In the narrative of the Book of Esther, we learn that Haman reveled in the accolades and esteem granted to him by King Ahasuerus. Despite his role as an advisor to the king and the accompanying wealth and respect, Haman's contentment was marred by a singular source of irritation: Mordecai, a Jew, who managed to profoundly vex him. Typically, Haman was greeted with reverent bows from all the people. However, Mordecai stood out by refusing to either bow to Haman or rise in his presence. Mordecai's reverence was reserved solely for God, and he would not show that level of deference to anyone else. Consequently, Mordecai garnered the respect and admiration of the community. He was widely recognized for his integrity and righteousness, a man of unshakable principles. This deeply wounded Haman's pride. Anger surged within Haman, as he witnessed divine favor being bestowed upon Mordecai, elevating him above himself.

Scripture says Haman *"...was full of indignation against Mordecai"* (Esther 5:9). And he allowed his jealousy to eat him up. Here was a wealthy man, honored by the king, invited into the palace by Queen Esther. He was riding high. But none of that mattered to him. Instead, his thoughts were consumed with jealousy: *"...all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate"* (verse 13).

Soon Haman began scheming to catch Mordecai in a snare. It was an incredible plot devised to destroy all the Jews, and in the process Mordecai. Haman was so eaten up with envy, he undertook to destroy an entire people just to get to one man!

But in the end, Haman's jealousy cost him his life. When his scheme was exposed, he was hung on the gallows he had built for Mordecai. What a price he paid!

The Bible's warning here is very clear: Any Christian who is eaten up with jealousy because of God's blessing and approval of another person will end up as Haman did - trapped in his own snare!

"...they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves" (Psalm 57:6).

"...his horn shall be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish" (Psalm 112:9-10).

Day 3 – LOG OFF: Evening Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to end the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every hidden enemy waving away all my blessings, be terminated by fire, in Jesus' name.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I separate my life from every evil association and every evil gathering by the power in the blood of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Any power attacking my anointing, grace and opportunity from a hidden location, be exposed, in Jesus' name.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I refuse to leak out my destiny information to envious witchcraft plotting to stop me, in Jesus' name.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, My Father, make me wiser than all my secret enemies, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, wipe out from the memory of my enemies every information that I have shared with them that they are now using against me, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Any negative people blocking the manifestation of my dreams, scatter by fire, and return no more to me, in Jesus' name.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Woe unto every jealous spirit monitoring me, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O Lord, reveal and expose every evil personality praying for my downfall, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every evil arrow of envy, and jealousy transferred into my life by the enemy, I return you back to your owner, in the name of Jesus.

DAY 4

SNARE OF HATRED

Day 4 – LOG ON: Morning Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to begin the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I shall not labor in vain, in the name of Jesus.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I shall walk in victory and liberty of the Spirit everyday, in the name of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I receive the mouth and the wisdom, which my adversaries are not able to resist, in Jesus' name.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every battle in the heavenlies, be won in favor of the angels conveying my blessings today, in Jesus' name.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, My Father, everything which You have not planted in the heavenlies, let it be uprooted, in Jesus' name.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O Lord, let the wicked be shaken out of my heavens, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O sun, as you are coming out today, uproot every wickedness targeted at my life, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I program blessings into the sun for my life, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O sun, I have risen before you, cancel every evil program, projected into you against my life by wicked powers, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, You this day, you will not destroy my prosperity, in the name of Jesus.

Day 4 – THE SNARE SET IN HATRED

The fourth snare you must pray and break free from is the snare set in hatred. There is so much to be said about this wicked snare. This is often the trap of household wickedness. Jesus once said, “a man’s enemies will rise from his own house.” There is a strong demonic inspired hatred that often lays its eggs in families. I have witnessed mothers so embittered in the spirit of hatred toward their daughters. And I have seen daughters so enveloped in hatred against their mothers that they can’t be in the same space without an uncontrolled outburst or curses. I have seen fathers and sons stay away from each other because of hatred.

Let me say this, families and relationships have been snared by hatred. I have seen marriages devoured in this trap of hatred.

Some Christians can’t stand being “outstripped” by someone who appears to be more holy or righteous than they. They see a brother or sister being honored of God - and it enrages them!

There is great power in godliness and great authority in holiness. Yet both are despised by Christians who will not pay the price - people who once had the touch of God, but now, because of compromise, no longer enjoy His blessing. When someone comes along who is esteemed more faithful and more devoted, they become envious of what they’ve lost. They give place to a jealous hatred - and they will not rest until they see that godly person ruined or destroyed!

Face it, beloved, nothing is more hated than the power and spiritual authority that accompany a holy life. And no one will be more hated, slandered, envied and maligned than the Christian who radiates holiness. The Christian who does the right thing, will be hated.

Many believers refuse to let go of an evil jealousy in their hearts. The hate develops. Consider these examples:

David is an example of a believing man who schemed against another. He became an instrument the devil used to lay a snare for Uriah, an officer in his army, after he’d gotten Uriah’s wife pregnant. He called Uriah home from the front lines and ordered him to spend time with his wife. He was hoping Uriah would be intimate with her, and in that way cover up David’s sin of adultery.

But Uriah didn't go home to his wife. Instead, he said, “How can I enjoy my wife when the army of the Lord is out there suffering? I'll stay here and suffer as they do.”

That must have been an awful rebuke to David. He delves in further into the bait of the devil and then laid another snare for Uriah. David ordered him to come to a big feast at the palace, where

he filled Uriah full of wine. David thought, "If I can just get him drunk, then he can be led home in a drunken stupor and be put to bed. That way, he'll think he got his wife pregnant."

But that night Uriah slept outside his house, still refusing the comforts of his wife.

Having failed again in his scheme, David plotted to place Uriah on the frontline in a hopeless battle, knowing he would be killed. And that's just what happened.

David's sin in scheming against Uriah was laid to his charge as his most grievous sin in the eyes of God. "Why" you may ask. "Didn't David also sin in committing adultery with Bathsheba? And doesn't the Bible say he sinned, showing a lack of faith, when he fled to the Philistines for protection from Saul?"

Yes! Scripture also tells us David sinned in his rash decision to kill Nabal, until Abigail came and changed his mind. David sinned as well in numbering the people, a sin of pride and covetousness.

David also sinned in not exercising control over his children. He never spoke a word against Absalom - and the young man rose up and usurped his father's throne. That sin of a father's negligence eventually cost David's son his life.

There were many sins in David's life. Yet when we look at what God's Word says on the subject, the only sin mentioned is the snare David set for Uriah: "...David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite" (1 Kings 15:5).

This verse doesn't name Bathsheba. It doesn't name any other of David's sins of disobedience. Rather, it says the one thing in which David turned aside from God was when he laid a trap - when he plotted against an innocent man!

What an awful price David paid for his scheme against a fellow believer. What great troubles it brought down upon him and his family: His daughter was raped. His son Amnon was killed in a drunken stupor at the hands of Absalom. All Israel forsook David and flocked to Absalom. And his wives and concubines were defiled by his son, who now ruled over the kingdom.

David was forced to walk up and down and go into hiding to save his own life. Worst of all, the Bible says, he lost the joy of his salvation: "*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation...*" (Psalm 51:12).

The joy of the Lord was gone from David's life.

Beloved, God is showing us His contempt for this sin of setting snares for a fellow Christian because of hatred. You pay a terrible price - and your family pays an awful price - when you lay a trap for another believer you don't like.

God help the Christian who clings to his hatred of a brother or sister. If that kind of spirit is in your heart, satan will surely lure you into some kind of demonic plot. He'll deceive you into joining a vengeful scheme against that person - but you'll only heap troubles upon yourself and your household! There are those who go around gossiping and slandering other believers simply because they hate who they are and what God is doing with them.

If you are slandering your boss or putting down a co-worker, if you are involved in vicious gossip, if you take part in a conspiracy of any kind, if you blacken someone's name in any way, then you are laying a snare. And God abhors it! He will remember your scheme. And He will cause you to fall into the pit you helped to dig for another!

No Matter Who Tries to Ensnare a Devoted Child of God - the Devil, Wicked People or Other Christians - It Will Not Succeed! I pray and declare, their snare will not work against you in Jesus' name.

Often satan will attack you in order to stop a great work for God. He will put sworn enemies in league together just to hinder your labors. They'll come against you in unison - trying to discount the minister, so they can stop the ministry!

Yet you can be sure of this: If you are on a divine mission - if you are called to do a work for the Lord and are busy doing that work, trusting in Jesus, none of their plots will work against you.

Nehemiah was called by God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The work was progressing wonderfully, with the walls going up steadily. Then, suddenly, satan stirred up a hornets' nest to hinder it all. Four VIP leaders joined in a plot against Nehemiah - Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arabian and a prophetess named Noadiah. Nehemiah says, "*...they thought to do me mischief*" (*Nehemiah 6:2*).

Four times these leaders set a trap because they simply hated what God was using Nehemiah for. They called out to Nehemiah, "Come down off your wall. We want to have a conference with you. We insist you talk to us!"

But four times Nehemiah said, "I'm not coming down off these walls! I've got work to do here because God has ordained me to do it!"

Beloved, you can't get involved in arguing with people just because they want to argue. It's all meant to be a distraction. You've got to go on with God's work! You have to understand that the reason Satan comes against your prayer life, your consecration to God, your walk with Him, isn't just to bring you down. He also wants to ruin your destiny, and the ministry God has given you. He wants to destroy anything you're doing that brings glory to God!

These four VIPs started a rash of rumors against Nehemiah. They claimed, "You're doing this for yourself, not for God!" One of them, Tobiah, sent slanderous letters to other leaders in Israel. As a result, "...there were many...sworn unto him..." (verse 18).

All the slander, plotting and snares were designed to put fear into Nehemiah's heart, hoping that he would get discouraged and run. Nehemiah sums up the scheme in verse 13: "...that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me."

But none of those snares could stop the work of God! Scripture states: "So the wall was finished... And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God" (verses 15-16).

No Matter Who Lays the Snare - the Devil, Wicked People or Envious Christians - We Cannot See the Trap When We Come Upon It!

David writes: "*The proud have hid a snare for me...*" (Psalm 140:5, emphasis mine). The trap that the devil or the wicked are setting for you is something you can't see. It is laid in secret: "...they privily [secretly] laid a snare for me" (142:3). "...they commune of laying snares privily..." (64:5).

Indeed, Scripture tells us, "*Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird*" (Proverbs 1:17).

If a bird sees the fowler setting a trap, it will fly away. Likewise, the devil won't set a trap you can see. He's not going to tell you where or when it is laid. No - he does it all in secret, away from your eyesight!

The prophet Micah informs us these snares are premeditated and well thought-out in secret. A fowler will stay up all night scheming how to ensnare the innocent: "*Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand*" (Micah 2:1).

Unfortunately, many believers fall into the traps set for them!

Perhaps you are caught in a snare right now - trapped by the enemy. At one time, you were like a bird, flying about, singing a sweet song. You spread your wings of faith and soared into the heavens. You knew what it meant to be free in Christ.

But the enemy set a trap for you - he laid out his net and placed the corn nearby - and you went for it. You flew down, caught your foot in the fowler's net, and the trap sprang. You were caught! It's time to pray and break free.

Day 4 – LOG OFF: Evening Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to end the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, I stand on the ground of the Blood of Jesus and I proclaim victory over every form of hatred and reproach in my life, in the name of Jesus.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, frustrate every power assigned to wreak havoc against my life and destiny through hatred and reproach, in Jesus' name.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, every arrow of hatred and reproach assigned against my life backfires now, in Jesus' name.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, I silence by the fire of God every contrary voice of hatred and reproach speaking over my life and lifting, in Jesus' mighty name.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, every form of generational pattern of reproach and hatred operating in my life and destiny scatters by fire, in Jesus' name.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, every shame and hatred, mocking my glory, let the Blood of Jesus cancel it, in Jesus' name.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, I burn with unquenchable fire every garment of hatred, reproach and mockery put upon me by the enemies, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, I declare that today going forward, I am above reproach and mockery, people will begin to respect me, in Jesus' mighty name.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, by your Word, I will no more hear the taunts and reproach of men against me, in Jesus' name.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, I decree, that those who hate and mock me shall fall on the sword of the Lord, in the name of Jesus.

DAY 5

SNARE OF DEMOTION

Day 5 – LOG ON: Morning Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to begin the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Thank God for what He has done for you this year.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Let frustration and disappointment, be the portion of every snare fashioned against my life and family, in the name of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every tie to evil traps and items between my life and family, break, in the name of Jesus.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every unspoken curse against my life, break, in the name of Jesus.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every trap set up secretly against my destiny, break, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, You secret traps, militating against my virtues, break, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Any power given the mandate to set a trap and hinder my progress, somersault and perish, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Let every spirit of Balaam hired to trap my progress, fall down and perish, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every trap that I have brought into my life through ignorance and disobedience, break by fire, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every power magnetizing physical and spiritual snares to me, I raise the blood of Jesus against you and I challenge you by fire, in the name of Jesus.

Day 5 – Devotional For Prayer

THE SNARE OF DEMOTION

The Fifth Snare to break free from is the Snare of Demotion: When you appear to be making progress but reverting back to the starting point.

A man's life can sometimes resemble a goat tethered by a rope, confined to the distance the rope permits, only to return to the original spot. This metaphor illustrates a cycle where, despite perceived advancement in certain aspects of life, one ultimately finds themselves back at the starting point. Imagine entering a relationship that blossoms into marriage, only for the union to dissolve a few years later due to some baffling reasons. You then find yourself once again searching for a partner, effectively back at square one.

Imagine diligently searching for a job over an extended period, finally securing one, only to encounter unforeseen issues that force you to lose it and start the job hunt anew. When such patterns emerge, it suggests a deeper problem, such as being ensnared in a cycle that needs breaking. Perhaps you notice that you are unable to keep a job for more than three years, or that your friendships tend to dissolve in under five years. Maybe you start a promising business, only to find yourself having to rebuild from scratch within a few years. If you find yourself repeatedly hitting the reset button in various aspects of your life, it may indicate that you are caught in a snare of demotion. Your progress seems to advance only to regress soon after. It's vital to recognize these recurring setbacks as a sign that something fundamental needs to change in order to break free from this negative cycle.

The children of Israel experienced a prolonged period of aimless wandering in the Wilderness, spending 40 years circling the area of Kadesh-Barnea. Despite their journey seeming to bring new encounters, they ultimately found themselves back in the same place, illustrating a cycle of repetitive motion (Deuteronomy 1 and Deuteronomy 2). If you find that your life feels similarly cyclical, with progress continually being undermined by setbacks, it may be indicative of a limiting pattern. It's important to acknowledge this snare and actively work through prayer to break free from it.

The snare of demotion represents a time of regression and hindrance. The negative forces driving this demotion tend to emanate from deep-rooted issues in our foundations. These adversarial powers have imposed a blockade against the advancement of many individuals. As a result, people find themselves unable to rise, complete their goals, marry, or fulfill their destinies. For those caught in the grip of this demotion syndrome, it can lead to the humiliation and diminishment of their educational and life accomplishments. If you hail from a background where making progress feels nearly impossible and you notice that your circumstances remain stagnant, it is likely that you are under the influence of this oppressive force. These negative spirits can cause a person to experience short-lived successes followed by frequent failures. Stability in progress and finances becomes elusive; one might find prosperity today only to

plunge into poverty tomorrow. This vicious cycle continues perpetually, signaling the need for deliverance and a breakthrough.

Just as someone is about to embark on a new endeavor, they are often obstructed and pushed back, facing yet another setback. For those who declare their intent to pursue their dreams, it seems that just as they approach success, they are abruptly thwarted. If you come from a family with a bleak financial history—where prosperity seems to vanish once a certain age is reached—this familial pattern can indeed impact you. Moreover, if many members of your family struggle to maintain steady employment, leading to frequent termination and fresh starts, it is clear that this cycle of demotion is actively working against you.

This insidious trap of the demotion spirit can obstruct numerous opportunities from reaching individuals. If it doesn't outright halt your progress, it will strive to impede your advancement and maintain a state of stagnancy. Experiencing recurring anxiety or fear whenever you are on the brink of a significant achievement is a clear indication that you are caught in this snare. Unaddressed, it can lead to severe consequences such as suicidal thoughts and extreme depression. Regardless of your status, neglecting to confront this detrimental force can lead to its gradual escalation, eventually overwhelming your spirit and faith.

The snare of demotion is a malicious spiritual manipulation aimed at causing an individual to fail and abandon their endeavors. This insidious spirit works to dismantle a person's glory, rendering them ineffective in their marriage, career, finances, and spiritual growth. Consider how a once-wealthy individual is reduced to begging or how someone can labor in an organization for years without ever receiving a promotion. Those with excellent plans, innovative ideas, and the wisdom to succeed can find their aspirations sabotaged by this malevolent spirit. To combat this, one must pray fervently and command the destruction of this snare in Jesus' name.

Day 5 – LOG OFF: Evening Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to end the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Lord, ignite my career with Your fire.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O Lord, liberate my spirit to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, teach me to pray through problems instead of praying about it in the name of Jesus.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O Lord, deliver me from the lies I tell myself.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every evil spiritual padlock and evil chain hindering my success, be broken, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I rebuke every spirit of spiritual stagnancy and delays in my life, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O Lord, empower me to resist satan that he would flee.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I chose to believe the report of the Lord and no other, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, O Lord, anoint me to pray without ceasing.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, In the name of Jesus, I capture every power behind any career failure.

DAY 6

SNARE OF STAGNANCY

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Make these declarations to begin the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Thank you, Jesus, for this fasting program.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, my Father, have mercy on me and let my stagnation end today, in Jesus' name.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, if this prolonged stagnancy is from you, O Lord, forgive me.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, God of signs and wonders accelerate my progress this month in Jesus' name.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Powers that anointed my hands and legs with permanent delays, break by fire, in Jesus' name.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, any snare of the fowler that swallowed people's progress at the edge of their success, be broken up by fire in Jesus' name.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, you hunters of my destiny, I command you in the name of Jesus, let me go.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father show me the way where there seems to be no way, in Jesus' name.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, every curse of permanent stagnation in my life, break by fire, in Jesus' name.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, the wicked people in my family that have succeeded in destroying my glory, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, is against you now, in Jesus' name.

Day 6 – THE SNARE OF STAGNANCY

The Sixth snare to break free from is the Snare of Stagnancy: When you are stagnant and unable to move forward in one area or the other. Are you currently feeling trapped in your own life? Despite having an excellent plan, do you find yourself unable to execute it? If this resonates with you, there's likely an unseen barrier holding you back.

The Snare of Stagnation refers to a condition where progress grinds to a halt, resulting in an absence of forward movement, sluggishness, inactivity, or complete standstill. In essence, to be stagnant, as defined by the dictionary, is to exist in a state of dormancy, where no significant development or change occurs.

To advance in life, it's essential to confront the snare of stagnation. Fortunately, with prayer and faith, you have the power to break loose from these spiritual bondages and embrace the abundance that God has planned for you.

The primary source of frustration often stems from the trap of stagnation. When an individual feels stagnant, it leads them to find fault in every aspect of their life. This constant state of complaining is a clear indicator of a life stuck in a trap.

- Stagnation is more than just an event in your life; it is a detrimental curse.
- Stagnation means a pause in life with a bleak hope of the future.
- Stagnation signifies a complete lack of progress.
- Stagnation essentially means there is no growth.
- It is a demonic peg.
- It is an evil distraction that prevents you from reaching your true potential.

Many individuals find their lives riddled with delays and persistent standstills. This could manifest as postponements in marriage, struggles with conceiving after marriage, challenges in gaining admission to educational institutions, extended timelines to graduate, or difficulties securing employment post-graduation. For others, it might present as a project that remains perpetually stuck and fails to materialize despite relentless effort and dedication. Encountering such persistent failures suggests a malevolent force entangling their lives, preventing forward movement. Full deliverance from these constraints is essential for any positive progress or fruitfulness to emerge.

SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL STAGNATION [Scripture Reference: 2 Kings 7:4]

1. Lack of progress as it anchors an individual to a single location.
2. Overlooking your divine timing and opportunities.
3. Going through the motions of life, you often find yourself stuck in repetitive cycles, ultimately ending up right where you started.

4. The Ups and Downs: This cycle is characterized by continuous advancements followed by setbacks, highlighting an ongoing pattern of progress and failure.
5. Lack of a defined direction or purpose in life.
6. Almost-there Syndrome: The Frustration of Falling Short at the Brink of Success.
7. People who once trailed behind you have surged ahead on their path to success.

Genesis 26:13

“And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great.”

==> The Lord will move you forward, in the name of Jesus!

I don't know how long you have been roaming about in life, move forward by fire, in the name of Jesus.

“Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the Lord spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days. And the Lord spake unto me, saying, Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward.” Deuteronomy 2:1-3

Day 6 – LOG OFF: Evening Prayer Declaration

Boldly confess and declare each of these prayer points. Then stand on each of prayer point for at least five minutes to ten minutes as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I receive the anointing of double speed, in Jesus' name.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Spirit of procrastination affecting God's agenda for my life, depart from me now, in Jesus' name.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, No demonic power shall monitor my movement again as from today, in Jesus' name.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, By the power in the Blood of Jesus, I receive my total freedom from the cage of permanent delay, in the name of Jesus.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, All those that are delaying my marriage, finances, businesses etc, today is your day of affliction, receive your day of death, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus, work on my speed this year, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every evil dream that introduced the spirit of long term affliction in my life, I nullify you today.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every foundational household wickedness that has amputated the legs of my progress, perish by fire.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Holy Ghost fire destroy anything that makes your promises to fail in my life in Jesus' name.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Father, if my destiny has been in Egypt for many years without my knowledge, By Your mercy, take me out into my Promised Land, in the name of Jesus.

DAY 7

SNARE OF THE BED

Day 7 – LOG ON: Morning Prayer Declarations

Make these declarations to begin the day. Stand on each of these prayer points for at least five minutes or more as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I paralyze the spirit that brings bad dreams to me in Jesus' name.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every dream of backwardness, expire now, in the name of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every negative dream shall not come to pass in my life, in the name of Jesus.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every dream of hopelessness, die, in the name of Jesus.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every spiritual fowler, the Blood of Jesus is against now, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every spirit behind evil dreams in my life, be terminated now, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I bind the strongman in my life, and I clear my goods from your possession, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every spirit that has been oppressing me in dreams, expire by fire, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every senseless and meaningless dream, be terminated, in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every evil dream that other people have had about me, I cancel them in the astral world, in the name of Jesus.

Day 7 – THE SNARE OF THE BED

The Seventh Snare to be broken is the Snare of the Bed: It is divine mercy to awake from sleep. The Bed is used by the fowler as his snare against many individuals.

- **Psalm 3:5** declares, “I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.”
 - **Psalm 127:2** declares that while the unbeliever toils day and night to get what he wants, the Lord provides for his people with a regular work day, “for He grants sleep to those He loves.”
- ⇒ One of the places that you’ll suffer your major defeat is in the bed. (1Kings 3:16)

The sudden trouble of a lot of people started on their beds.

- Some people go to bed with a sound mind only to wake up mad.

Matthew 13:25 says, “*But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares, among the wheat, and went his way.*”

- Sometimes, we start firing at the enemy when he had already planted his evil seed and is gone.
- We start firing when we are already in the snare of the fowler and the destruction has already been done.
- The powers of the night waited for them to sleep and planted things in their lives.
- Sleep is a period of rest during which the sleeper loses the awareness of his surroundings.
- So, the danger in sleep is the loss of awareness.
- When a person falls asleep, all his physical activity decreases, his muscles relax
- This is why the enemy can operate the bed or the period of sleep as a snare of destruction.

Consider this:

1. You will spend about 1/3 of your time on earth sleeping.
2. For example, if you live 75 years, you will spend about 25 of those years sound asleep.
3. Often in church we talk about the time we are awake— the 2/3 of our life.
4. But is God the Lord over 2/3 of our life or is He Lord over all of our life?
5. God and demonic beings will choose your dreamworld to communicate with you because you spend more time there.

Are your nights contaminated with satanic nightmares and evil dreams? Are you experiencing constant sleepless nights? Your dreams should be a medium of receiving divine information from God like Joseph, Solomon and Daniel's dreams, and not a workshop for evil activities. When you find yourself constantly fighting in your dream and engaged mostly in demonic battles, it is an indication that the enemy has planted your snare in your dreams.

Visit the altar of prayer before bed. When it's time for bed, take the time to pray.

- When I was a child, I prayed the prayer that my grandmother taught me: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep..."
- **Psalm 4** is a bedtime prayer. After a long distressful day, David turns to God before he goes to bed. In verse 1, David pleads with God for relief from his problems: "*Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.*" At the end, verse 8, David has found his hope in God and so he declares, "*I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.*"
- Before you go to bed, take the time to pray. And parents please teach your children to pray before they sleep. Some children wake up sick after bed and never return back to normal. May the God of Heaven, the supplier of life and good health, heal you, your children and all that you cherish now in Jesus' name.

SYMPTOMS THAT INDICATE THE SNARE OF THE BED:

1. If you frequently find yourself envisioning a diminished version of your real-life status in your DREAMLAND.
 - If you frequently dream of scenarios where you find yourself in less favorable circumstances than those you experience in your waking life, such as being back in elementary school despite having reached university or graduated, this could be significant. Some individuals dream of living in poverty or performing menial tasks, even though in reality, they are wealthy or hold prestigious positions. Such dreams may indicate a negative spiritual influence that needs to be addressed and eradicated.
2. When positive experiences occur in your dreams but fail to materialize in reality.
 - On the flip side, you might frequently enjoy a range of positive occurrences and significant achievements in your dreams—constructing homes, tying the knot, having children, and attaining prestigious roles—while your real life starkly contrasts these dreams. In such cases, it is crucial to fervently pray for the release from any spiritual trap that may be hindering your real-life progress.
3. Experiencing dreams where you interact with deceased individuals, observe coffins, visit graveyards, or endure scenarios of being buried.

- Any interactions during your dreams with individuals who are deceased in real life, observing scenes of people carrying coffins, or viewing graveyards is considered a trap of the devil. Additionally, you might find yourself or someone else being killed or buried in a dream. Some might also dream of marrying a deceased person or having sexual relations with one. These scenarios are manifestations of an assault by the spirit of death. However, engaging in fervent prayers can break this yoke and free you from these spiritual attacks.
4. Sexual harassment in various manifestations within your dreams and the act of coercive feeding.
 - Experiencing sexual encounters in dreams, whether with familiar individuals or strangers, and subsequently noticing the physical manifestations of such activities in reality, can be interpreted as a deceptive tactic employed by demonic forces. This may indicate a binding agreement with a spirit spouse or an attempt by these forces to undermine your spiritual strength and weaken your prayer life. Additionally, being compelled to consume food in dreams—particularly items you would typically avoid in waking life, such as raw meat, blood, or food tainted with blood—serves as a representation of the entrapment orchestrated by these evil entities, keeping you confined in various aspects of your life.
 5. Encountering consistent challenges and a lack of support in your dreams.
 - There are individuals who constantly encounter obstacles in every attempt to progress in their lives. Frequently, these challenges surface in their dreams—manifesting as scenarios where they are being chased by ominous figures like masquerades, wild beasts, or threatening humans armed with dangerous weapons. Unfortunately, these oppositions often transcend the dream world, becoming tangible hindrances in their daily lives. For these individuals, finding favor, even in minor matters, can prove extremely challenging. Such difficulties are believed to be the workings of anti-favor spirits, and to attain freedom, the grip of these spirits must be shattered.

Day 7 – LOG OFF: Evening Prayer Declarations

Boldly confess and declare each of these prayer points. Then stand on each of prayer point for at least five minutes to ten minutes as necessary:

1. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Thank You Heavenly Father, for the sweet and sound sleep You gave me last night. May Your Holy Name be forever glorified in my life.
2. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, This day I cancel and flush out the effects of any bad dream (mention them) in the name of Jesus.
3. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, I bind by fire, every power behind evil and bad dreams in my life this day in Jesus' name.
4. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, You personality that is manipulating evil and bad dreams into my life, perish by fire, in the name of Jesus.
5. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every harassment by the spirit of death in my dreams, die, in the name of Jesus.
6. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every coffin prepared for me in the dream, catch your owner, in the name of Jesus.
7. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every evil arrow fired into my life through my dreams, backfire, in the name of Jesus.
8. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Every power planting affliction into my life in the dream, be buried alive, in the name of Jesus.
9. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Let the blood of Jesus erase all evil dreams in the name of Jesus.
10. Under the covering of the Superior Blood of Jesus Christ, Any evil programming, programmed into my life from my dream, be dismantled, in the name of Jesus.