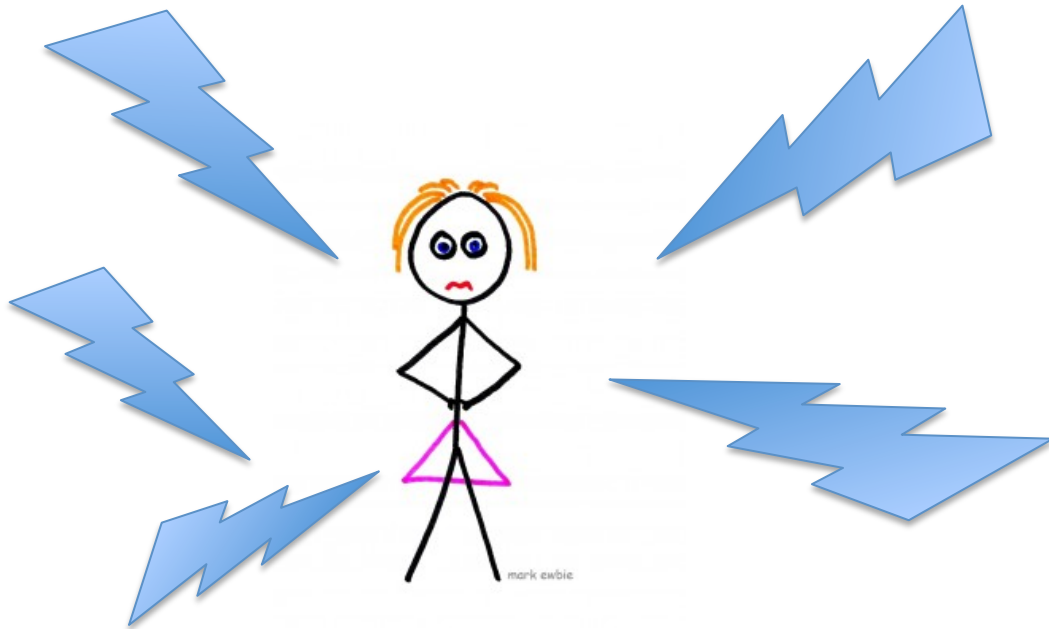




## Lesson 4: YOUR FOCUS

Label areas of your life where the battle rages with some consistency. Think categories: (particular relationship, health, finances, employment, mind...)



### Common Themes in Areas of Battles:

1. Repetition /cyclical struggles
2. Same issue/different person/venue
3. Frequent roadblocks
4. Conflict/disagreements/lack of peace and unity
5. Unhealthy (body, soul, spirit, mind)

**I....AM....NOT...WINNING...**

**Satan has gotten my focus OFF the real issue, the real enemy...and on to symptoms.**

*But I AM FOCUSED! What am I doing wrong??*

## ***Three Possible REASONS I am not winning.***

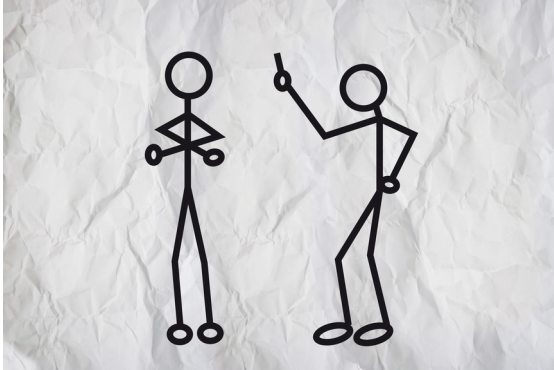
- I have focused my attack on the WRONG enemy.
- I am not walking in OBEDIENCE to the Lord.
- I am reaping what I have sown in Unforgiveness/bitterness

### **#1. I Have Focused on the Wrong Enemy.**

#### **Ephesians 6:12**

**12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

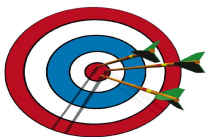
- not against flesh and blood
- the PERSON is not my enemy
- the circumstance is not my enemy
  - a hierarchy of evil exists
- magician...draws my eyes away from real source



#### **Satan can influence:**

- \*thoughts
- \*"zingers" in hot buttons
- \*weak areas
- \*triggers/pet peeves

We need to stop seeing  
PEOPLE/situations as the bad guy.



### **TARGET YOUR PRAYERS...**

Towards Satan and his strategies towards stealing, killing and destroying your life.

Refer to scriptures listed in Chapter 2 pages 49-54.

## #2. I am NOT Walking in OBEDIENCE to the Lord. (an open door)

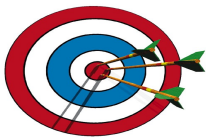
**2 Samuel 11 King David...**was not where he was called to be.

- \*His position as King...should have been out with the troops
- \* David did not flee from temptation, he pursued it
- \*David ignored God's law
- \*one sin...begets another sin...begets another sin
- \*sin is costly

### How About Me?

\*some of our battles we have opened the door for through our disobedience to His Word/His direction through the Holy Spirit

\*some examples:



### TARGET YOUR PRAYERS...

Often easier to blame Satan for battles, when what I really need to do is to CONFESS and REPENT.

**Confess:** (to agree with God) that I am wrong in stepping out of His will

**Ask Forgiveness:** be specific, take ownership, don't blame others

**Repent:** (to turn into a new direction) Stop what I was doing and strategically go back in the direction God commanded me to go in the first place

**Pray the Word** specifically for forgiveness and obedience to God.

Psalm 51:17(written in light of Bathsheba)

I John 1:5-10      Psalm 139:23

## #3. Unforgiveness/Bitterness. I am Reaping what I have Sown. (a open door)

\*Galatians 6:7,8 Law of Sowing and Reaping

\*Hebrews 12:14,15 Don't miss the grace by allowing bitterness to reign

\*Matthew 6:12, 14,15 I must forgive others, in order to be forgiven

\*the land of judgment versus mercy...determines Satan's right to attack me



## **R TARGET YOUR PRAYERS...**

1. Use same scriptures just listed.
  2. CHOOSE to forgive those who wronged you, by name, specify what they did.
  3. ASK FOR FORGIVESS for harboring bitterness and judging.
  4. PRAY healing and restoration, blessing in that relationship.
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**REFLECTION**...*Father, I am open to whatever You want to impress on my heart about the source...of areas in my life where I feel often under attack. I want VICTORY in this area.*

*My DAUGHTER, I want to tell you....*