

Acts midweek study 4

This week's connect discussion is very long. You might like to watch it at 1.5x speed.

Watch as long as you like. I suggest stopping after 20 mins to discuss, and then stopping every further 10 mins to allow people to make comments and ask questions. Please ensure that you watch the last 8 mins before closing.

Below is a transcript of the conversation for those who don't have video access.

You can also read together through Acts 19, noting the different levels that you find there of spiritual warfare.

Bron: Thank you for joining us. I'm joined by my brother from another mother - those of you who maybe haven't had the pleasure of meeting him, Pastor Mike can you tell us about yourself?

Mike: I am the Chapel collective executive pastor - that means I am responsible to implement the vision; Pastor Darren and Pastor Bron tell me what should happen in the church and I implement across all campuses.

Bron: Pastor Mike oversees all the location pastors. Tell us a little about your family.

Mike: My wife is Miss Universe and that's not a joke. That's true for me. It's true. I have two children, two teenagers because 1 is now 18 and an adult.

Bron: Pastor Mike's wife is Christelle who is the pastor of Gunnedah. Pastor Mike, we're gonna have a fascinating conversation today. Yes, it is fascinating because for most of perhaps most of the audience that are watching today, and then engaging in small group discussion, it's very unfamiliar. And it's a topic of spiritual warfare.

In terms of your church background and the experiences that you've had, would it be classed as a fascinating conversation? At all?

It's a very common topic in most of Africa. It's very common to talk about the moms talk about angels and spiritual warfare. You have non-Christians who talk about witchcraft and they go to witch doctors, and you have Christians we'll talk about Jesus and demons and its impact on the culture. It was excellent, fascinating. It's common in songs in preaching. And when you sing during praise you sing about Satan is defeated. Jesus is victorious demons are crushed, and so it's part of the everyday conversation. So it's not yet strange to me.

Why do you think that in Australia it isn't part of the everyday conversation?

*In my observation, I would say I think the West in general has intellectualized everything and try to understand it scientifically. It has to be proven in the lab for you to believe it. I see that dependence, dependence on science a lot in the West, while sometimes spiritual things, in my opinion, some of them don't really need to be proven to be real. So, they are not proven. They don't need to be proven with your **brain**. You don't need to understand them, for them to be real. You don't need the lab and the scientists to tell you what this one plus this one will give you this. So, I think the West depends a lot on science. While in Africa or in the east will depend more on experiences. Did I feel it? Did I experience it? it's real. Yeah. And for me, spiritual warfare is not just something I feel I feel I know I witnessed it. So, I saw things and I experienced it myself and I saw things happening and I know they are real because it was there. Like it's not someone told me you know, when you talk about demons, I've seen*

demon possessed people are being delivered. So, it's not like someone wrote the book, and I read it and I begin to talk. No, it was happening in our home. It was happening in our church. It was happening. It has been happening through my life.

Yes, it's real, obviously very for the book of Acts. Have you been revisiting reading through the book? Yeah. We see it everywhere. We take a spiritual warfare we see this demonic possession; we see the gospel being preached and power and people coming to know Jesus because they see that power.

The way I've read some of the spiritual warfare commentary in the book of Acts has been along the lines of that is ground level spiritual warfare, which is just someone casting out a demon from an individual, that then the occult level spiritual warfare, which is when we see Simon the sorcerer, who obviously had a bit of influence in that place. And then on strategic level spiritual warfare, there was like territorial spirits, and it changed the whole atmosphere of a city or maybe yes, can you talk to us a little bit about what you've seen in those aspects?

I believe in those maybe they're not just three, add another layer to it. Which may be the ground level. Maybe the first one which is just below the second is whispering or demons whispering to people. I even use the term possessed. I don't people argue about those things. For me. I know people get possessed. It's a subject for discussions but not to me if you want to argue about that. That's okay. You can but I know even Christians can be influenced.

The language doesn't really matter, because they can be affected so that's the bottom line. But the first layer I will say, just what we experience and that's what's in the West, I think we've come to agree that Satan can whisper things to you, or demons can influence you in terms of speaking to your mind or deceiving you or having his bad thoughts and things like that. So, you see that is not really him. Being very active because in your life because you can resist that one you can resist.

Somehow, maybe something's happened with your parents or with yourself some addictions or some just things "happen". I'm avoiding giving examples of so people can feel like I'm judging whatever happened in their lives, but that opens the door for certain demons to operate. In your life. That's why you see the book of Acts a girl who was demon possessed and kind of prophesying and predicting the future was delivered by Paul, you see, a door was open somewhere some way and, in their lives,, and that happened. I can't say that those things don't happen in the west they do. It's just we don't pay attention to them and we think demons are more active in Africa than in the West, No, they are we've done some deliverances here my wife and I in Sydney, we saw God really delivering people because they believed, and it happened. You open a door, or your parents open a door. Or perhaps just the area you live in. Practices that were being done and they open the door.

The second level was like witchcraft. Where people get initiated into practices and they through books or through movies or through classes or clubs. They start practicing that and some people take it as a fun thing to do here, which is very dangerous because Satan comes to kill, steal and destroy. He doesn't just come to entertain you. You may feel you may think it's fun to think oh, and I see people doing stuff with it. They call it magic. And I don't I know that there may be two categories of magic. I think someone can be clever to hide the way

they're changing, changing things. But I believe there are also other things that can be demonic. You can see that Satan is deceiving people. Then we clap for them. We celebrate that they are showing us how Satan can deceive.

I would say something just something in our home. My mom was doing deliverance for people. So, we had a prayer room in our home where people were coming to pray and people coming for prayer. You know, so we used to smell demons. I was like a young boy. Growing up. I knew when they're doing deliverance. You smell this.

It's strange. It's strange. It's I don't know how to explain it. But even today, I can go through I can cross someone and smell that this person even my wife started to recognize it.

Did you ever just turn around and cast the demon out.

No, it is not my responsibility to go after someone.

Some people have issues by choice wants to be that they chose if they made pact with Satan. We can't force the person to be delivered. That's why the deliverance is mostly by choice people have to opt for it, you don't force people to be delivered, that at least is my experience. So that level is real, like a witchcraft level is real when people put themselves in that situation or your parents train you into it, or an uncle Auntie or someone close to you trains you into this one and then the last one is now the authority of a place that is so common. If you look at places you will see evil by region. In some places, there is so many young people being arrested for let's say breaking into houses and other places there is an issue with divorces like families just being broken a lot of you see evil by region. You see children who don't just finish high school. People don't go to university or finish university. There are some limitations in places that you can try to study that you can try to put science to it. It's not scientific, It's spiritual. There is a prince in that region. There are even spirits of religion. People who believe in religion over having a relationship with God and they think it's okay. They believe in being Protestant or Pentecostal or Catholic or Muslim you try to talk to them religion is stronger than relationship - demons can do that. And those are done by the princes and the principalities.

So, I think we all get the foothold idea. I think we will get the idea of being possessed. I think we get the practices There's a few instances in the Bible, the Book of Acts were that strongholds affected a whole region. I think was Bar Jesus, who was very, in with Galileo. Galileo. Or Proconsul whoever. And it was when he got saved that in the region changes. So, can you talk to us about the significant people that are influencing the powers that be that's not necessarily the principality of the region it's a significant person, he's being impacted by the spiritual and how much does that change?

That is that is a very important question. If you read even the Old Testament, the spirit of the king was going through the population, whatever spirit the king is operating with, if it's those who worship God, you can see victory for the people you can see and if it's an evil king, you can see even evil going through people that is spiritual, it's very spiritual. So significant people in a business for example, and your boss is a demon worshiper he's operating in that, that spirits may affect you. Why? Because you are, you're operating under someone with evil, evil, evil spirit. It might not have anything to do to do with you internally, but at least outside it's affecting you because you are in that system. You are there. You were in that geographical area where they've got authority, you're being affected.

You just raised the stake on the way we pray for authority. I do that out of duty. But, God, you just made me want to do that because that's affecting me and my family and everyone around me.

Pray for your boss. Pray for your Prime Minister because whatever spirit they operate with, comes with something that affects everybody under that. I have many examples I can give,

Give us one, give us one!

We had a president in Congo for 30 years, a demon worshiper and the whole country just kept going down not because he was not a good leader, but because he relied too much on spirituality that the whole country like he was making sacrifices and stuff like that. You can see God's blessings where the leader is doing stuff like that. So there, there are issues that happen when the leader is worshipping demons.

Yeah right Daz said it was the same in Haiti when he went with Compassion and he said it was just like, leader, leader, leader, the turnover of leader was just constant and the leaders were the worshipers of satanic forces and then there's a guy who just stayed for ages, and he was a guy who made a pact with Satan. He and all the politicians made a pact and decided that the country belongs to Satan.

That happens a lot. And then one of the consequences a country or an area to say that there are things that happen there that are demonic, you may be dying early or maybe a particular sickness or particular issues with relationships or particular limitations in blessing. You will see that something evil happening in that place that you can attribute to nature, but Satan comes to kill, steal and destroy.

Imagine that if our secular media got a hold of our conversation. They would say we are lunatics.

They would. Absolutely.

How do we respond to that?

There's universal truth is what sets us free even if we're being attacked. And I know sometimes there are things that we call conspiracy theories; I'm not trying to bring a theory this is not the theory this is reality. This is true. This has happened. I've seen it. I've been attacked myself. I spent maybe four years of my life under spiritual attack under demonic oppression, where I was passing out for 4 years, from age 11 or 12. And it stopped happening when I took God seriously. So, I started to pray and read the Bible seriously. That's how I overcame I went through deliverance; it wasn't anything physical. It was it was all spiritual. So, when I'm saying this, if the media was at us, that's ok. We are not ambassadors to bring the world to the church, we are ambassadors to bring the truth to the world. They belong wherever they belong. It's okay for them not to understand because the things of Christ are foolishness for those who don't believe I, I get disappointed when Christians join that camp in making fools of us when we are talking about spiritual things.

We should stand for the truth. Truth is truth, even though you don't understand it, even though it's unpopular, it's still true, and it's universal. That will be my reaction. It's foolishness for them. It's not foolishness to me. Yeah, that's right.

We saw the pattern in the book of Acts where they go firstly to the synagogue and talk firstly, mainly to the god fearers; the Gentiles who are ascribing their worship to God but, not yet Christians. And then from there, the God fearers become Christians and then with all their connections, they then proliferate message into the world. Now, Paul goes to Athens, just on a stopover, and he sees and is grieved by the idols everywhere and he goes in and preaches with very little results. He talks about the unknown and its an amazing sermon, but he gets very little results. What would you say about the spiritual temperature of that place that had so much idol worship everywhere?

Yes. The more idolatry happened in a place the more the spiritual prince in that place is strengthened. The more power they give to the prince and the less impact we will see, less breakthrough we'll see. So, because they were worshipping idols everywhere, they were strengthening that principality all that praise, it became hard for the things of God to penetrate. It means that demonic activities are stronger than people's hearts are not ready for the gospel. So that's the consequence of allowing idolatry. Even most of the devil worshipping happening in public today. We do it in different aspects today. We have we have celebrated the devil worshippers today; we have civilized demonic people. Today we celebrate them you can see someone who this person is really demon possessed and the society will celebrate them as being different as being cool. Yeah, so we can see really that this is satanic, this demonic but because they are just different. No, they are not: let them be delivered.

That was the mindset of people that day, that they will not make or build aesthetic statues of the prime minister or something like that. For us today, it will bring when we watch something else, we worship something else maybe money or maybe something and unfortunately, still worshipping Satan. He will make sure we open the door to him. I'm really trying to avoid, to make to give examples because I don't want people at home to think he called me possessed. You know yourself if you do things that are out of your control. Don't just think it's psychological and I believe in science. I really believe in science I believe in in the work that counsellors and psychologists and doctors do I believe in I go to them myself. But I also believe that there is a level where it's become demonic. You have to pray about it. You don't you don't just wait for science to fix something that is spiritual. That's my comment. We still worship stuff. And they're still they're still demonic activities in our society today. I would say more than before, but it's always Satan. I believe in what CS Lewis said: If I was the devil, I will make sure people think I'm not real. That's what he's making the world in the West vulnerable to him because people don't think he's real.

Okay, in chapter 19, you have a whole community coming in burning all their books that has to do with any of that - they just get rid of it all. Is that what you think needs to happen when we realize that something is spiritual? We just need to get rid of it.

Yes. I will make a comment today because if the church first prays, we get stronger than the world so we can you can overturn the spiritual princes all over the place. As a church. We don't encourage individuals to do it. You don't just do it as a person because it's too

powerful. Everyone's already has the name of Jesus. Of course, that is another conversation for another time, but we just recommend churches brings groups of people if you see a spirit in a place to attack it, because at least there is power into oneness, in community. Like when Paul went there the church was praying for him and he was able to he was able to take authority over the powers of the place. That's why they will submit and some good and salvations start to happen. Most of the time when we don't see submission happening like that. But if you take authority of the prince, it follows.

Interestingly, in Athens, we don't see that happen. He had preached a great message that's quoted many times. It's very powerful, but he doesn't see the result yet. But then if we got to chapter 19, to Ephesus it says he preached in the synagogue for three months. He is arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God. Some rejected him as always, but then it keeps going. It says in verse 11, of chapter 19, that God gives him the power to perform unusual miracles. I would love to know if you've ever seen anything like this that's like a group of Jews traveling from town to town, casting out evil spirits, because that was common in Jewish culture. But then they tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, I command you, in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches to come out. Seven sons of Sceva leading priests were doing this but one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you? Then that evil spirit overpowered them and attacked them in such violence that they fled from the house naked.

Now we can agree that is fascinating, because there are spiritual levels in spirituality, there are spiritual levels: we are all Christians, but we don't pay the same price in Christianity. We don't pray the same with the same intensity. We don't make the same sacrifices. If you are a Christian, you watch your movies all the time and depending on which type of movies you are lazy to read the Bible, you don't spend time really with God. You go to church when it's convenient, you don't really pay the price to see God: that means your spirit is weak. When you come across these demons like this, they will ask you Bronwyn we know, but who are you? Because spiritual authority comes with spiritual sacrifice. How much do you fight? How much do you seek God to earn that spiritual authority? Of course, it's in the name of Jesus but we earn the right to use the name of Jesus, also it is the right to exercise power. So, you can be assured the name of Jesus is powerful, but you don't have the right to use it. That's my answer.

The people who are thinking this sounds like works.

Oh, good. Sorry. It's not work. It's not work because they are what we call "acts of faith". And acts working out your salvation, which is actual faith. We work out of it, not for it. All we have salvation. We're not acting so that God can bless it, He has blessed us, because God has saved us.

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I don't pray because I want to be blessed by God. I pray because God has blessed me. I don't give so that God can bless me, but because God has blessed me. So those are what I do out of faith. I believe in God that is why do all these things, but those things empower me because it's a relationship thing. The more of the Holy Spirit you have, the less of yourself

you have. The more of the Holy Spirit you have, the more power you have the more authority you have.

That means you can be a Christian, but it can be a Christian that you are into the world and things of the world you are distracted, so you have less authority because you work less on your relationship with God. While if you're a Christian who you build your relationship with God you pray, you will seek God, you will go to church, you read your Bible, you fast when you can, then that means you are giving more space and less of you. Okay? There's one example I want to give to people when Jesus was walking, and the woman came in and touched his robe He said I feel some power leaving me. I always think about that. That means spiritual power is like a battery. That can be it can be discharged, and you can charge yourself because Jesus felt some power leave. So, he needed to go back to pray after that to recharge himself. He was daily recharging himself with the presence of the Holy Spirit. But we don't recharge ourselves spiritually. And we start to run out of battery. There's nothing there and you wouldn't come across demons who say we don't you know; we probably don't know you. We don't know why you have given the Holy Spirit less space, but you are full of yourself, of the world. Holy Spirit gives you authority to use the name of Jesus. That is fascinating. I believe as Christians we must build that relationship with God so that we can earn we can build the ability to use the name of Jesus. Effectiveness.

I'm also wondering, because I could be really generous, right? God has done that work in me. So, let's say my calves are really strong, but my thighs aren't. So, I'm really strong generosity, but I'm not strong in this area of deliverance. I haven't exercised those muscles. So, for example, we had someone recently that I thought, I think that they actually might be possessed, and I thought to myself, should I pray for them? You want me to pray for them right now? I thought that they might say, Mike, I know Christelle – but who are you? What should I have done?

Ah, this is the issue because in the West sorry, my friend yes, in the West we tend to find a formula for everything like what do we do here with a formula? We just have discernment there to assist in the spiritual is it demonic or it's not. What exactly do we do here? Do we attack or do we wait? So, that is when we need it so that is a spiritual gift. The Holy Spirit in us can tell us this is the time to do it, or this is not the time to do it. So that is just good wisdom to leaders. Every person who has believed in Jesus has some authority, some kind of power to stop the enemy from doing certain things. I would also say demons have ranks. Yeah, demons have ranks and it depends on which demon you're dealing with. We know the story of Daniel, where he was praying and when for 21 days the answer was blocked and God had to send an angel and I'll say something that if you find controversial, please contact the church.

It means the Spirit that was blocking the answer was more powerful than whatever was happening on earth. From Daniel's prayer and fasting we needed a stronger spirit to come to overpower the spirits, the Prince of Persia to stop blocking through whatever to open the door. So, there are levels so when the angel (I think Michael) was sent to come and fight whatever it was that came to fight the prince of Persia. That means the power that he brought was in his rank, he was more powerful than whatever Angel was carrying the answer, that's what I see. So, there are rights, even for us humans, we have rights and those that we don't earn, but we develop those rights. To come back to your question about

muscles you haven't developed your deliverance. Muscles. I think there's also grace we need to we also need to understand that not every servant of God is graced in everything. Some people will have grace into praying for, let's say finances and businesspeople. Some people have grace into knowledge and teaching and some people will have different graces. I can call them grace or anointing, or we can call them a gift of the Holy Spirit. And there are some people who have more grace in spiritual warfare. Even in Africa. Not every pastor has the same grace when it comes to deliverance. Every pastor knows about it every pastor has some authority because they paid the price for it, but not every person who serves God has the same grace.

Maybe there's too much information but I would like Christians to be aware and to be watchful, and if you feel peace about commanding a demon to go do it. If you don't feel peace invite other people around you. Combine their Christian faith with yours and do it together. I always recommend people to not have demons alone even myself I don't do deliverance alone. My wife has to be there or someone else has to be there. We've been in a deliverance where you are doing a deliverance for a woman, and she will go crazy, and it will be really embarrassing for a man to be alone. Or a man or a demon can overpower you if some of them have strength we saw demon Breaking Chains like to my own eyes like this is not someone telling me I saw demons breaking in their chains at home and you imagine it's like power if something just breaks the chain, real chains, so you need people around you to protect you. We don't close our eyes when we're praying, when we're doing deliverance, we keep our eyes open because demons can speak to you. They can slap you and do funny things, they can be dancing while you are praying over them.

Yes, of course they can do facial things just to distract you and yeah, it's strange.

Amazing let me keep reading through the story of what happened like a solid fear descended on the city. Many who became believers confess their sinful practices, a number of them have been practicing sorcery, brought their incantation books and burned them in a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. So now we're seeing that the individual level has gone to occult level and so it has widespread effect. And then there's a riot in Ephesus. So, this obviously is disturbing demonic power and it's because they're saying they're going to stop the worship of Diana or Artemis. And we can't let it happen because our businesses are dependent on it and so then they start a great chant "great is Artemis" or Diana and the whole city is filled with confusion. Can you give us the supernatural perspective on what's happening here?

Paul's message is making some breakthrough people are repenting, bringing stuff to be burned. The burning of things is after a deliverance. That is just so that they don't use them again after the deliverance has happened. If you keep it in your home, if you have any book or anything that you've used before, if you'll keep it, it is a door the enemy can use to come back to you and so they burned them, and it gets closed. The enemy always tried to find a door; it can be unforgiveness, it can be any addiction or something like that, or some acts that you used to do that can open the door. While the bonfire is happening. The enemy's camp is agitated. He wants to use whatever he can do to shut you down so he irritated people to bring the riots so that people can stop to disrupt what God is doing. Yeah. Unfortunately, because Christians we are very kind, and we don't physically fight they always win because they will come with this. They came with this aggressive attitude, and they silenced the Jesus Camp. That was happening because Satan saw he was losing his

ground so he changed strategies instead of coming in a spiritual way. He came in a political way like it's socio-political way to disrupt what God is doing. It was still spiritual by he used the system to disrupt what God was doing that is happening even today.

What ends up happening is that within 30 years that worship of that Goddess has stopped.

yes so, we would say that the power of God went through in that place and conquered the territory: if Christians continue to pray and go continue to fight in the spiritual prisons for years, they get they get reversed. Yeah, they don't die they get to reverse they lose power over a place and then go somewhere else. Oh, they might stay. That's right. Yeah, because the devil doesn't really give up. He's lost power because and all that changes is the strategy, they give you the impression that they are gone. I will say something here that may not resonate with many people but people who go to witch doctors, you may go to the witch doctor for an issue of barrenness, for example you wanted a baby and certainly he's got some powers because he got some, we call them some energies. Yeah, he was an angel in heaven so he can do things. His agents can tweak things so they will give you the baby you get there you come from the with the promise that you have children, but what they are taking from you is more expensive than that. For example, they can tell you have a baby, but maybe they are only able to cross this age. You will think you had the blessing which will increase your devotion to that which exactly you'll see that oh yeah, it works. I went there and the witch doctor healed me from neck pain but the introduced cancer from COVID. By they introduced a chronic headache.

Because you can't tell if where this one came from. You think oh last time I went there, they healed me from this you go back again, and they do it again and change it into another thing and to keep playing you Satan is a liar he doesn't solve your problems he covered them the problem is shifted. That may be the issue if Jesus did not win the battle or maybe just he changed the strategy. So though coming into a form of that goddess, maybe the prince of that region, changed into another thing you will worship which is not very visual like that's something you can like in secret. Yeah, somebody you can like something you can feel comfortable with.

Can you give us a takeaway in closing:

1. for us as individuals who maybe are very unfamiliar, you just maybe don't even want to pay a cost or want anything to do with that.
2. What would you give us as a next step for those who feel like oh, no, I feel like this is something that I might be good at, God might be gracing me.
3. then finally us as a church, what would you do?

For all of us: those who don't want anything to do with it, but they're Christians and those who feel like they would like to know more or as a church, all of us should pay attention to the spiritual world. So, there is no room for neutrality when it comes to your life. How does it affect you somehow it affects you somehow the spiritual, it's always affects us either we pay attention to it or not. It's affecting you so pay attention to it; it doesn't mean living in this paranoia or living in fear that oh, that will be a demon. No, we should not live into that. And I say just be aware of just be aware if you see some abnormal activities in your life. Start by praying about it before you when you go to see a doctor or before that before I'm not saying don't go before my wife and I have decided to pray them before we take our child or

children. At the beginning it was complicated because my wife grew up in a system where headaches = Dr. My system was headache prayer prayer, prayer, prayer prayer. We brought it somewhere in the middle, we pray first and then we know that means God can give wisdom to the doctor. That means if there's any demonic activity, Gods can take care of it before, before the scientific part of the biological physiological part happens. Yeah. So just being aware. It's better for you when you are aware that Satan is active and demons are active, but Jesus has deployed angels to protect us, and the blood of Jesus covers us. We don't need to live in fear. As I said, I said don't attack don't try to reverse the defences by yourself. I didn't say we are powerless. I didn't say that. There's levels of power difference. But we all have as Christians some authority to protect us, at least to stay to stay safe. So don't live with fear as a Christian.

The second level is someone who's interested:

Read the Bible. The truth is there's so much about it. I see more results when I fast so fasting can be very beneficial for those who feel interested in it. Fasting opens our eyes to it, it reduces the flesh it's subdues it, deflates it and empowers the Spirit that when you feel more whispers of the Spirit that will operate more in the spirit if you include fasting in your in your regular Christian disciplines

For the church. It's heartbreaking and not for the chapel because now we have, I think every February, fasting and we have pastors like you, you are really bringing spiritual things into the mix. But most Western churches it's a little bit heartbreaking because I've seen people who don't even acknowledge that Christians can be influenced, I'm avoiding the term...can be influenced by demons. But yes, Christians can be if the church is aware, we might be able to pray for some people and they will find their breakthroughs instead of always recommending them to reconsider why we're doing both. Yeah, why not sending someone to a counselling, psychologist, and also pray, some issue that people are having at work, they're spiritual some it's going to be in their finances. If you don't find a breakthrough in your finances that can be explained to you. Let me be honest with you, if you're not generous, you've opened the door for the devil to destroy your finances. It's Biblical. Yeah. Oh, there is grace. I believe that generosity opens God's blessings, lack of generosity does what... I don't want to use that word, but I will use it it's curses your finances, if you're not generous. So, you see, I'm not going to do transactions. If you give to God, you will receive this - I'm just saying it's the principle. If you obey God, you will receive certain things if you commit yourself into addictions and things that are detrimental, you are opening the door not only for clinical stuff to destroy you, and you're opening the door for the enemy to destroy you. If you are addicted to pornography, you're opening the door to the devil to destroy your marriage. It's simple, even very simple. It's not even psychological. It is spiritual.

You know, what do you think that fasting as a church that we could see territorial spirits defeated?

Yes, we can. I think we've seen more changes in our church through those fasting than many other seasons spiritually in our church. I've been here for seven years, I think, and I've seen every year we fast, after that I see some spiritual revival to see people's lives changing. We can always do more with God. But I think we continue with this feeling of you're not doing enough loving enough. I think we were doing the best we can. But those who don't, they

need to step up and do something in their faith and as a church, we can always do more and the Holy Spirit is not stagnant. It will lead us into what we can do better when it comes to spiritual warfare. Yeah, because the devil is not resting.

We're so grateful that you and your wonderful wife have these insights. And I know that so many people in our church even have similar insights and experience similar things. I mean, grateful for you all. Let's pray and then have a wonderful discussion time

My Lord God, we just thank You that ultimately, we know that you have the total and absolute victory in Jesus's name straightaway. And we pray, Lord, that You would open the eyes of our understanding Yes, and that we would not read the word not with the historical view and this happened back then, but that we have the same power living in us and that we're able to take authority. In Jesus mighty name Lord opened our eyes, understand not only what is going on around us, but also the authority that we have. Amen. That's great.