

Taking The Lamb Out Of The Mouth Of The Lion

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Transcript

And those at home too as well i'm Encouraging you as always to get Some crackers or some bread and some juice because we're going to share communion together At the end of the short sharing this evening and I also Encourage you as I do every week to go to the website. It's time to pray dot o-r-g And in there you're going to see all of the prayer requests that have been submitted in the last several years And over 16 000 answers to prayer That will encourage your heart to believe god for your situation and also You have an opportunity to indicate to somebody that you're praying for their specific need as uh as god, uh, Speaks to your heart about that uh tonight I want to Speak to certain people that have come to my attention that were in different situations Uh of despair and discouragement And I want to talk to you about taking the lamb out of the mouth of the lion And so we're going to we're going to be doing some spiritual warfare tonight. We're going to be fighting for you We're going to fight for your family For the testimony of christ in you And we're going to believe for a great great victory Here in our our bible school in grantville, pennsylvania, which is the bible school of times square church in new york city We are Standing together with you and believing god for not just to get you through but to get you through in victory And that through your life others will come into victory through jesus christ as well You might not know it But god looks upon

you as a mighty warrior in his kingdom and we've been speaking to you as such for the last few months Until finally it breaks through to your heart Say i'm not just an addict.

I'm not just a depressed person I'm, not just somebody that's lost a lot of things in life But I am called to rule and reign with christ I am called to live for him and bring glory to his name while I Live with him on this earth and I have been given spiritual authority and power to tread As jesus said upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy And he also finished that thought with these words and nothing shall by any means hurt you Yes, you're going to go into battle. We are going to go into battle and because I know if you feel like I do I'm not willing to lay down and just let the devil roll over this last generation Or steal my family any any member of my family or anybody that's closely associated with me I'm going to rise up in the strength of my god. Take the authority that god has given me remember his promises Whoever says to this may said have faith in god for truly I say to you Whoever says to this mountain, whatever your mountain is tonight Be thou removed and be cast into the sea and shall not doubt in his heart But shall believe that the things he says shall surely come to pass he or she as it is will have Whatsoever he says so this is the word of god.

These are the promises of the one who created the universe These are the promises of a god who doesn't lie and cannot fail and holds all power in his hand So we're going to talk about tonight Taking the lamb out of the mouth of the lion so father I I thank you tonight god with all my heart lord for the victories that are going to be won this week Thank you for the victories that were won last week for the 15 souls that came out of darkness and made a profession to Give their lives to jesus christ. Thank you for the Reports of victory that are coming in online of people who have risen up and decided to believe you god And they're already beginning to see the fruit of their faith in your power and your goodness So god, thank you for the anointing of your holy spirit god We recognize that we don't fight this battle with our own might and our own power But we fight it by the victory of christ and by the indwelling power of your holy spirit So lord tonight we lean upon you we lean upon your victory. We lean upon your strength Your calling your words everything that you've given to us to win an incredible victory in our generation Against the powers of darkness that are pitted against our minds our bodies our marriages our children Our families our friends our communities and even our enemies We stand against the works of darkness in the name of the lord.

Jesus christ and satan in the power of his name We rebuke you and we command your strongholds to be broken Because of the cross because of the shed blood of jesus christ on the cross for each of our lives We declare that we have a right to approach the throne of god tonight Not because we've done it right not even because we've had a good week But because of the mercy and grace and victory and covering of our savior We are invited as sons and daughters of the living god to petition you to do miracles for the sake of your own holy name and for the sake of others who are leaning and Stretching out their hands towards you and father. We thank you and praise you In jesus name Now, let me begin by just reading some prayer requests that that came to my heart as I was looking over this tablet yesterday And from florida pray for a healing heart from depression And divorce my ex-husband got remarried and he was my whole life I don't want to live anymore and i'm just existing now you wouldn't believe If I were to go through all the prayer requests on this tablet today that have come in in the last Seven days with the numbers of people who have just said the words. I don't want to live anymore There's a discouragement and a depression hitting this generation perhaps like few others that at least we've ever known for sure genie from san antonio, texas Esperanza Pray for her.

Please. She's my teenage stepdaughter. She's possessed by an evil spirit She wants nothing to do with god and she is suicidal Ginny from toronto canada says please pray for my daughter ashley who has a

mental illness.

Thank you This is a prayer from a desperate mother. Thank you. And god bless you.

Ginny We stand with you in toronto canada tonight and believe god for a deliverance for your daughter Anna from clear lake california. My spouse is really struggling with alcoholism and addiction along with depression and disbelief I beg you to please pray for him humbly. I ask From santa cruz mary and bolivia i've accepted jesus as savior But i've not been able to trust or submit or accept him as lord Pray that I will be able to do so from red bluff california Please pray for a spiritual awakening from my dad and mom.

They both grew up in the church But they desperately need an encounter with god From hibbing minnesota. I got caught up in the party life in college drinking sex and now addictions I'm 55 and if other kids that I don't know, please pray for me betty from port moresby in papa New guinea i'm greatly distressed. My husband needs redemption from alcohol and fornication I've been hanging on for more than 10 years now, and there are six children involved in this marriage from colombo sri lanka Please pray for my dysfunctional family 53 years of chaos Praying to be revived and restored by our lord.

Please lord breathe on our dry bones We will glorify you so what might I say to you in sri lanka tonight If you will hold to that testimony, I promise you you will glorify the lord. You will give thanks to god elizabeth from london, essex in the uk Battling with mental health every day. I struggle with spiritual warfare.

I read my bible daily I fast and pray to be released from torment Play pray for me, please And lastly deborah from dallas, texas My son joshua struggles with alcoholism depression. He's angry at god He also says why should I live? I don't have a purpose Jesus loves him So much So I want to talk to you tonight about taking the lamb out of the mouth of the lion first samuel chapter 17 back again talking about king david Now I want you to put this all in context what we're about to read This young man is In in the natural he's he's in a little place Many many of us feel like we're in a little place today. Like we don't have much influence.

He's out in the wilderness He's considered in a sense when we look at the story later on he's considered the least of all of his brothers He's got quite a few brothers they all are bigger in stature and uh He seems to be the least among them when the prophet samuel comes to anoint the next king His father jesse doesn't even bother to send for him initially He just brings all of his other brothers in so you can imagine how he feels and many people feel like that You feel like you're the least achiever in all of your family You feel like you're on on the outside looking in and what you've been given to do is just small He's got a few sheep out in the wilderness. It's lonely He's probably wondering what his life is all about at this point But keep in mind he's being trained to be a king You see there's a training that goes on in everyone's life We don't know the end result of what god is doing And if we live just by what we can see or think or feel is around us quite often We will come to a wrong conclusion and we fail to understand The character is formed in the hidden places that That which god is going to do in a larger arena in the future We've got to learn to let him do it in the places where nobody but he and he and I and you can see We we've got to win the victory in the small places. And this is what we're going to begin to see That the devil was actually after something He fears these young people that are being set apart For god for those that are in this bible school.

He feared the devil fears you He knows history he knows what has happened when a young man a young woman rises up and They begin to say i'm i'm going to go all the way with god and i'm not going to let the devil stop me And I recognize it's not by my righteousness That the victory is going to be won. It's going to

be by the righteousness of god. The devil is afraid of that Because he's been around before and he's seen esthers and he's seen david's and he's seen other young people like gideon rise up and literally Destroy, uh whole segments whole parts of his kingdom.

And so he will he will try the best that he can do to take your lamb Into his mouth now i'm going to explain to you what that's all about first samuel chapter 17 verses 34 And 35 now keep in mind David's been formed in secret Now he's about to be thrust into a larger arena And this larger arena is going to bring him into a some reputation among the people and ultimately The course is going to take him to sit on the throne of israel Where he's going to have an effect over a lot of people as a matter of fact king David has an effect over you and I today we read his psalms. We're reading his words. We're reading about his life He has no idea that god's about to do something in his life that's going to affect Millions of people all over the world for ages to come until christ actually returns At this moment in his life.

He's just out by a campfire. He's got a few sheep to look after Wondering what his life is going to amount to when suddenly a lion appears out of nowhere David said to saul verse 34 your servant used to keep his father's sheep And when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock I went out after it and struck it and delivered the lamb from its mouth And when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard And struck it and killed it Your servant has both has killed both lion and bear and this uncircumcised philistine will be like one of them Seeing he has defied the armies Of the living god you see david learned found the power of god in a secret place He had a confidence in god That thank god. He got it there because you can't you can't get that confidence in a public arena It just doesn't pop out of nowhere It's either part of your character by the time you're thrust into public ministry or it's not there and in first peter chapter five and verse eight There's a warning in scripture About the devil himself.

It says Be sober be vigilant because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom He may devour He walks about Trying to take the lamb of god Into his mouth. You remember john the baptist pointed to jesus christ and said behold The lamb of god who takes away the sins of the world now christ is the lamb of god is your hope and it's my He's my hope He's your victory. He's my victory He's your present the healing the healer of your past and he's the one who assures your future The devil will do everything in his power To take your lamb Your victory your christ into his mouth now, he'll do it in two ways.

Number one. He'll imitate the voice of god And he'll try to tell you that somehow there's some secret flaw in you There's yes, you've come to christ for your covering but god will never use you Because you're obviously so flawed that god can't use your life for his glory and he'll take The the testimony he'll take the words of god into his mouth and try to so distort it to get you to a place Where you'll just sit in the wilderness all of your life. You'll never rise up You'll you'll let the lion take the lamb and walk away and you'll say well i've i've got at least a few things left No, second peter chapter one verse four tells us that We live god has given us exceeding Great and precious promises and you and I live by these exceeding promises that are given to us Remember, I shared some of them at the beginning of this message Speak to the mountain if you believe in your heart the mountain will move and be cast into the sea if you do not doubt He said up to this point.

He told his disciples you've asked for nothing Now i'm telling you to begin to ask me And I will give to you that your joy might be full He told us through his word that everyone who asks receives Everyone who seeks is going to find and everyone who knocks the doorway shall be open so the one thing the devil will try to do is take The promises if he can't convince you anymore that god is against you He will take the

promises of god and he will try to say to you As he did to adam and eve in the garden of eden in genesis 3 Has god said in other words, do you really think this promise applies to you? I recognize it applies to others it applies to some who've Risen up and have some kind of public notoriety But what not you sitting where you are in your dorm room or in your apartment or in your car or on your park bench Wherever you're listening to this tonight No, the promises apply to others, but they they don't apply to you You see he'll take your lamb Into his mouth. He'll take your victory into his mouth. He'll take your future into his mouth He'll try to take your testimony into his mouth your hope into his mouth your victory into his mouth and ultimately your influence Into his mouth and he'll come into where you are and he'll grab that lamb in his mouth and turn And try to walk away with that lamb But I want you to remember paul the apostle said in second corinthians chapter 10 verses 3 to 5 Though we walk in the flesh.

We do not war according to the flesh The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in god for pulling down strongholds Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself Against the knowledge of god and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of christ you see young people for example at our bible school are In their dorm rooms at night and have to fight against the lion who's trying to take the lamb into his mouth But I want to suggest before any public ministry ever begins in anybody's life before you and I ever have Any kind of an influence in our society we've got to win those private battles The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. We we don't fight back in a similar spirit The weapons of our warfare are mighty in god For pulling down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of god That's why in measure you've got to know the word of god. You've got to fight back with the word of god Even jesus christ when tempted of the devil in the wilderness fought back against his arguments with the word of god The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they're mighty in god Pulling down these arguments pulling down these strongholds Remember david said when the lion Rose up against me.

He says I grabbed it by the beard now the beard of a lion is is is down way In front of his chest. So that means that the lion was like about this Probably three four feet taller than david He reached up and grabbed it in the power of god's holy spirit that came upon him He not only cast it down. He took his life.

He took its power away from it We have power against darkness do do you understand tonight those that are listening at home You're not just a victim in the church of jesus christ unless you choose to be When you open your heart to the son of god and the holy spirit of god came and took up residence inside of you You are no longer a victim. You are victorious Because of the victory that christ won for you on the cross 2 000 years ago Behold I give you power You have power in your prayer You have power in your confidence in the victory of christ to stand against the weapons of darkness And cast them down you have power to win those secret battles and I challenge you that are online tonight Wherever you are whatever you're going through your depression your addiction your discouragement Whatever your struggle whatever your trial and the devil is trying to tell you even tonight The words this pastor is speaking don't apply to you. I remind you Jesus christ himself said satan is a liar and the father of lies When he speaks a lie, that's just who he is.

He can't speak the truth. He can only speak a lie He doesn't know how it's not inside of him to speak the truth. And so if he tries to tell you You're not going to amount to anything.

It's because he fears That you will understand that god has a magnificent plan for your life and that plan involves Casting down and breaking down the walls of his kingdom Whereby he has encircled around He's placed walls around people that you love and people that you care for your own life others in your

community And he realizes because he's been around long enough to know what happens when somebody breaks out of that confinement somebody Somebody goes after him and says no you're not getting my lamb You're not taking my savior. You're not taking my righteousness from me. You're not taking my calling from me You're not taking the power of god from me as a matter of fact I'm going to grab a hold of you and i'm going to pull you down by the power of god's holy spirit within me And when you win those battles in secret, then you will have the power to stand in public as david now Is doing in this verse of scripture when he says I won against insurmountable odds that came against me When this lion tried to take a lamb out of my flock.

I went after this lion I grabbed it underneath its chin by its mane pulled it down and I took its life from it And this is a an absolute type Of the spiritual authority that god is willing to give those who put their trust in jesus christ Oh Week after week i'm going to hammer at your heart I'm going to hammer on the door of your mind until you finally rise up and say enough of this Enough of living in despair enough of living in addiction. This is not by calling on the earth This is not who I am in christ. This is not what my life is called to be I am going to get up in the strength of my god I'm going to go after that lion and i'm going to take my lamb out of its mouth.

Praise be to god Thank you lord. Jesus christ Now the scripture tells us When david spoke to saul, he said that the lion had already left with the lamb in its mouth He'd already taken something that was precious to him that he was Given to guard as it is It was given into his care And he went up and he pursued after it now, this is the second part of taking the lamb out of the mouth of the lion it's It's when the devil comes And maybe he agrees. All right.

I agree you belong to god But your children belong to me Well, you belong to god, but your husband or your wife belong to me Your family belongs to me your future belongs to me Those that were given into your care You have the right even if your children are no longer living under your roof You have a spiritual authority to go after that lion and take your lambs out of his mouth You have the right you see the devil is lying to them. He's telling them to take their lives. Their lives are not worth living He's telling them to go out and do drugs He's telling them to just give up on life and we're seeing that over and over and over again But I I want to challenge tonight the mothers and the fathers and the brothers the sisters that are Are listening to these words tonight? I want to encourage you and challenge you to get up And go and get your lambs out of the mouth of the lion Get your children back take spiritual authority Ask god to do what only god can do pray for your sons pray for your daughters Fight for your family members those that are dear to you that maybe were lost Through inattention, or maybe you had no Wherewithal to even fight for them.

You had no real relationship with god but now In christ you have the right to pray and believe You have the right to get your sons and daughters back paul the apostle in x chapter 16 When he and silas sang and this this incredible miracle happened where everybody's prison doors were open and all of the All of the prisoners were set free and the jailer an old Mean philippian jailer came running in trembling and he fell at paul's feet and he said what must I do to be saved and paul gave him this answer sir He said sir believe on the lord. Jesus christ and you will be saved and your house You see this was a promise. He wasn't just throwing some kind of a some kind of a an unattainable pie in the sky promise out to this man This man obviously had done harm to his family Obviously would come home at night and his you just don't go from being rough and gruff and a keeper of an inner Prison to going home and being kind and gentle with your wife and your kids No doubt.

He was the same kind of man at home as he was in the jail and he'd done harm to his family but paul Speaking in the spirit gave this man a promise You believe on the lord. Jesus christ and not only will you be saved but your house will be saved And the scripture records that as being true This man turned to god with all his heart He came home and when his wife and children saw him bathing the scars on the back of these two missionaries of god They would be so stunned at the change that happened in their father's heart that they too turned to god There's a spiritual authority when we get up and start walking with god when we make the choice to Repent of our sin we make the choice to live life god's way by the power of god This man needed the power of god to be a new creation He couldn't have been kind. I have little doubt.

He couldn't be kind in his own strength. He needed the strength of god To be the kind man that he had now become And by god's grace If you will rise up And you just become the person that god's intended you to be the lord will make it known to your children The lord will make it known to anybody in your family immediate or extended family that you feel were lost And you wonder if there's any chance to ever regain them you start walking with god This is your responsibility. Now you get up and you start walking with god.

You let the holy spirit change your life You admit that you're a sinner that needs a savior Don't try to save yourself and don't make excuses any longer for your sin. Call it what it is. Call it sin Admit that it separates eternally from god that you you can't go to heaven based on merit It's only through the shed blood of jesus christ on that cross 2 000 years ago So admit your condition and believe that god sent his son to die on a cross to pay the price for your sin And open your heart and invite him in to be your lord and savior and begin to confess him with your mouth Confess him to your family confess him in your prayers every day confess this new life in christ And begin to walk with god and watch what god will do in your life and in your family We are not destined to go down in defeat.

We don't have to give our children and our families over to darkness We are being called by almighty god to rise up in this last generation and be men and women of god We're called to rise up in the strength of god's holy spirit And in the promise of the victory of christ for each of our lives Take spiritual authority over this lion and take our lambs out of his mouth by the grace of almighty god Our families are going with us. You remember moses the devil tried to make a deal with moses You remember that in the book of exodus, right? He says, okay, you can go the men can go but you leave your wives and your children here Just your men go out and sacrifice and moses said no deal He was talking to pharaoh like he's speaking right into the face of the devil Not only do we go our wives go our children goes our our animals go our goats go Everything goes with us. You don't keep anything We're taking it all into a place that god has called us to to worship him.

Hallelujah to the lamb of god glory to the lamb of god You see there's got to be a a fight that rises in you David could have sat you could have cowered you could have sat by the fire and said. Oh, well, it's just only one lamb I got a hundred more What my father's going to understand after all it's a lion And what strength do I have to fight a lion? But you see he was developing an intimate relationship with god In one of his psalms he was looking into the heavens and he said oh god When I consider the stars and I consider the heavens and the works of your hands What is man that you are mindful of him? He had his he had a sense of awe of the majesty the power and the might of god He got it all by the campfire in the darkness all by himself He got it all just because he chose to look beyond his circumstances beyond the fact that maybe his brothers were esteemed above him He looked beyond all of it and he started looking at god Remember the the promise in the new testament is as we behold him we are changed We are changed as we behold him and I can see david's heart beginning to change as he's beholding The wonder

and the majesty of god and when he he sees this lion come in and take a lamb out of the flock He says who is this lion to defy the living god? And suddenly the power of god comes upon him and in the strength of his god He pulls this lion down to the ground a lion that's most likely got 100 to 150 times his own physical strength But he pulls it down takes its life and takes the lamb out of its mouth That's what gave him the courage to come into the camp of the philistines and speak to the king And said who is this uncircumcised philistine that he should defy the armies of the living god? your servant was keeping his father's sheep and one night a lion came into the Flock and grabbed a lamb and was was making away with it And I could just see him telling saul as the spirit of god came upon me I took him and grabbed him by his beard pulled him down Destroyed his life and took the line the lamb out of his mouth and I will do the same thing to this philistine You see he won that first battle and my word to you tonight at home You got to win that battle in your living room. You got to win that battle in your bedroom right now You got to win that battle in your mind.

You got to win that battle with the bottle that's in your cupboard You got to win that battle with the drugs that you're you're leaning on in your drawer You got to win that battle now by the strength of god and you watch what god will do with your family You watch the victory that god will put into your hands a father in jesus name In jesus name only you can cause us to rise up and fight Only you can give us the strength my god That we don't have in ourselves But is now resident in these physical bodies Because of the presence of your holy spirit God, give us the strength to rise up and fight for the sake of this generation to fight for our children To fight for our families god almighty We ask you for a spiritual awakening in our generation so powerful That it will cause the devils of hell to tremble so powerful That casual men and women Will have to stop and take notice as the philippian jailers family did That you have come And you indwell and you transform and you redeem and you save and you use the people who turn to you God almighty i'm praying now Tonight for those that are afflicted and addicted and don't see a way forward and don't want to live and are heartbroken my god Help them to rise up and take the promise that you made to each one of them out of the mouth of the lion help them my god to rise up and Cast down these imaginations that try to tell them there's no hope for them and there's no future Thank you lord god for what you're going to do For each family. Thank you lord that you're going to bring in a harvest in this last hour of time. We now live in Thank you.

My god as you brought the animals into noah's ark. So too you're going to bring this last generation families children Relatives friends my god, even enemies you're going to bring them into your kingdom and cause them to live with you forever Father, thank you god for this end time army that you're raising up out of the dust one more time How good you are? Oh god How merciful you are? How kind you are? To call us in our failure and in our struggles and in our nothingness To show us lord as david said what is man that you're mindful of him god almighty What are we to you? But we are the apple of your eye the scripture tells us you love us So much that you died to save us and bring us home So lord, we thank you god that you will give us the power to rise up in victory in jesus name amen Please get some bread and some juice at home And we're going to take communion together And we're going to trust that the victory that christ gave us 2 000 years ago is going to be made known again in our generation

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