

The Nail (Compilation)

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The sermon encourages believers to take spiritual authority and confront the enemy's influence in their lives, using the example of Jael's decisive actions against Cicero.

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Scripture: Judges 4:21, Judges 5:26, Judges 5:31, Isaiah 54:17, Romans 8:31, 2 Corinthians 10:4, Philippians 3:9

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the power and authority that God gives to those who are in difficult situations and have had enough of their enemy's oppression. The preacher uses the story of Jael from the Bible to illustrate this point. Jael, a woman whose family was compromised by the enemy, took a stand against the captain of the enemy army and ultimately killed him. The preacher encourages listeners to take spiritual authority in their own lives and homes, resisting the temptations and influences of the devil.

Transcript

In the midst of the enemy's territory, there was a man called Heber the Kenite. And Heber the Kenite was a compromised man. He made peace with the enemy king.

And he resettled his family right in the middle of the enemy's territory. And Cicero, the captain of the enemy's host, knew where his house was. And he was used to coming down to his house, snapping his fingers, and getting his way.

But Heber the Kenite had a wife, and her name was Jael. And she's the type of a godly woman. The type of a person who perhaps you're here today, and you're hearing this message, and you're saying, Fine, I really appreciate the fact that we're called to fight, and heaven is speaking to us.

And I acknowledge that, but look it, you don't understand. I live in the midst of Brooklyn, or the Bronx, or Queens, or someplace. My husband is compromised.

My family's a mess. And I've got all I can handle right in my own home. And you're talking about fighting for the nation, and the glory, and the honor of God.

Man, my house, I've got all I can handle right in my own house. And that's exactly where this woman was. She was in the midst of a compromising house, a compromising situation.

And I'm sure she heard the reports of this battle. And she heard the reports of these people gathering to fight. And she'd go daily to the door of her tent and stand there and say, How can I get involved in this battle, and what can I do? God, I would dearly love to be part of this, but I don't know what to do.

I don't know how to do it. And it's as if the Lord said to her, Jail, I see your heart, and I see you want to be part of this fight. Just stay right where you are, and something miraculous is going to happen.

And one day she walks out to the door of her tent. I can picture her in prayer. I can picture her burdened, because this nation has been mightily oppressed.

Her family is compromised. And over the hill, not in a chariot, but on foot, comes Caesar, the captain of the enemy army. Out of breath, exhausted, sweating, heading down to her house.

And he comes to the door of her tent, and he's just so used to getting his way. Snapping his fingers, coming in. And he comes in, and he says, Get me a glass of water.

And the Bible tells us that she got him instead of a bowl of milk. That should have been the first sign to him. Something in this woman's heart said, You're not running my house anymore.

You're not coming in here and snapping your fingers any longer. And dictating to my husband. I see Caesar coming in with a, like the devil comes into people's homes with a little bit of drugs in his pockets for your kids, and a little bit of alcohol for your husband, and a little bit of pornography for this person.

Coming in, snapping his fingers. Everybody doing his bidding. So used to mightily oppressing the children of God.

But here's a conflict that is a phenomenal conflict, if you can see it. Here's the captain of this enemy army that has mightily oppressed the entire promised land for over 20 years. And confronting him now is this single woman whose husband and family are deeply compromised in the midst of the enemy's territory.

Then he says to her, If somebody comes over the hill looking for me, you tell them thus and thus. You tell them you haven't seen me. You tell them all of this stuff.

And she says, Here, you look a little tired. Lay down. Covers him.

He tells her what to do. He says, Stand at the door and guard me. And then he falls asleep.

And the scripture tells us that she put her hand to the nail. Chapter 5, verse 26. Folks, it's time.

It's time that you take the power of the cross one more time. There were nails in that cross. There was a victory won in that cross.

Nails went through the feet and the hands of Jesus Christ and triumphed over the powers of darkness. Defeated hell and death. Defeated the power of the devil.

It's time to take the nail in your hand one more time. The Bible says clearly, The weapon of our warfare is not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imagination.

Casting down the devil's imagination. That he can contain the testimony of God. He can rule Christian homes.

He can defeat our families. It's time to take the nail in your hand one more time. She took the nail as he was sleeping and placed it very strategically right on his temple.

Because that's where the devil rose. Rose with thoughts and imaginings. Folks, he was defeated on Calvary.

He was triumphed over on Calvary. He has no power anymore but false reasoning that people buy in their minds. And J.L. is the type of a believer that says, Enough of this.

Enough of you snapping your fingers in my home. Enough of you running my house and my children. Takes the nail of Calvary and drives it right through the temples of the enemy.

The captain of the enemy's army. Right into the ground. And fastens him there.

And the Bible says, Blessed above women shall J.L., the wife of Heber the Kenite be. Blessed shall she be above women in the tent. He asked water, she gave him milk.

She brought forth butter in the lordly dish. She put her hand to the nail. And her right hand to the workman's hammer.

And with the hammer she smote Ciceron. Smote off his head when she had pierced and stricken through his temples. At her feet he bowed.

He fell, he lay down. At her feet he bowed, he fell. Where he bowed there, he fell down dead.

You see, this is where the glory belongs. If heaven is going to honor its heroes of this battle. It's the mother, the grandmother.

The sister, the brother. The weak. The ones who are in places of difficulty.

Who finally say enough. God begins to give them spiritual authority and brings your enemy right to your feet. Enough.

Verse 31, chapter 5 says, So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord. But let them that love him be as the sun when he goes forth in his might. And the land had rest for 40 years.

Let those that love you, God, be like the sun. If you can see a horizon somewhere when you see the sun coming up. In all of its power and all of its strength.

And you know that because it comes up there's going to be life. Things are going to grow. People are going to be able to see.

Darkness is dispelled. Let all those that love you, O God, be as the sun rising in its strength. You have spiritual authority.

You start taking it in your own home. You start taking it in the areas of your own life where the devil has come in and snaps his fingers. Makes you go into that store.

Makes you watch that movie. Makes you speak a certain way. But something gets in because you're hearing the voice of God.

No, this is much bigger than just my own little battle. God, you're fighting for the honor of your own namesake. And you join the ranks of those that say enough, enough, enough.

You're not snapping your fingers in my life anymore. I have authority over you. I have Christ in me.

And the Bible says, if God be for me, who can be against me? The Bible says I have the power to condemn your tongue that rises against me in judgment. The Bible says I have a righteousness that's not my own. It's given to me by Almighty God himself.

If you want to get to me, you've got to get through my Christ first. And you can't get through him, so therefore you can't get to me. Now, the tables are turned.

Now I take authority over you.

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