

# The Jezebel Spirit

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**Scripture:** Revelation 2:20, Matthew 11:28, James 5:16, 1 John 2:19, Micah 6:13, John 5:14, Psalm 51:17, Acts 3:19, Malachi 3:7, Luke 15:7

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Watch out for jet. What is this? no idea and then you know you find things on youtube and a pastor robert morris actually did a great teaching on it and a Youtuber by the name vlad. I can't pronounce his last name or isaiah sandovar.

Some of you guys Know them ruslan as well. I'm gonna we're gonna be on his podcast I'm gonna met me and abram going down there in a few weeks in san diego and and a lot of these guys have good Teachings on it and so it gets out there, uh to the people Um, and so here we are in revelation on this topic um, and then the more I would pastor the more people would say, you know, you you there's a jezebel spirit in such and such Or you might well you got to watch and so it's it's pretty I don't know if you're aware of it, but it's a pretty um engaging somewhat controversial topic Uh, but it's it's in the bible so we have to talk about it um And i'm gonna get to all the points a lot of them I want to share right now I want to get ahead of myself, uh, because i'm gonna get in my head of myself All right, you'll see it up there later, but the bible doesn't say There is a jezebel spirit Okay 22 mentions of jezebel I believe mainly first kings And then of course in revelation where we're at And that woman jezebel you allow to teach in her in your church and then in first kings jezebel and ahab So it's a literal person so the bible doesn't say you'll have a jezebel spirit like it says, you know, god allowed a spirit of a lying spirit or a Distressing spirit came upon

saul so how do we come up with it? I don't have a problem with the language because um jezebel in revelation It seems that jesus is referencing jezebel In kings and her type of of personality And so there's a there's a spiritual component a demonic component of what was working in her heart and in her life So I just like to be clear that the bible isn't going to say a jezebel spirit Watch out for that spirit to come within you but there is a type of Religious spirit and you could call it a jezebel spirit That can infiltrate the church and believers Um, so just that was just a point of clarification, but my bible calls this church the corrupt church Revelation 2 18 And to the angel of the church in thyatira writes this And I here's here's what's interesting. I could have spent 30 minutes on Thyatira in the area in the church One of our elders david thee sent me some great articles on what I taught last week on the throne of satan It's amazing how you can look at pictures.

They actually unearthed it and they found it And and hitler did his thing around it Uh, and it resembled it very much and there's even links. This is a conspiracy theories. I'm not gonna put on a foil hat But if you look at the 2008 democratic party platform, it resembles exactly It's like wow, this is very interesting and that's the year of course They codified abortion so we can murder children.

Uh, they take god out of their Out of their wording. I mean this is a demonic things that are happening in our nation Uh, and if that's upsets people i'm just telling you the truth. You have that issue with god not me All political parties are welcome here, but I will speak the truth.

Don't worry. I rebuke republicans often read my last few articles pride and arrogance on both sides So to the angel the church of thyatira writes these things The son of god is saying this he who has eyes like flames of fire And his feet are like fine brass The only way human language could describe jesus christ Can you imagine seeing him with flames of fire in his eyes? Penetrating your soul He said I when jesus speaks guys, we need to listen sit up straight listen We need to get also I want to encourage people to get back in the habit of bringing their bible to church This this is okay, but it's good to go old school bring your bible We're going through it verse by verse and you can highlight and you can write god God will put things on your heart and you got to journal it. You got to write it down Because it trust me.

I have a pen and paper by my bed now i've learned over the years Oh, that's a great idea. I'm gonna remember that tomorrow. Nope I can't even tell you how many times I mean, it's so bad that i'll get i'll just get up I'm, so tired, but i'll write it down and here's a sermon point that really touched someone's heart So he says this jesus is saying this.

I know your works So you've got good works you you you love people. I know you're serving me. You have faith and you're patient And as far as your works the last are more than the first nevertheless There's that word again This is so interesting to me.

Nevertheless. I have a few things against you to me. This sounds like a pretty solid church Here's what he has against this church and I read this Probably differently than most people because i'm reading this as if it's applicable to me and our church Every time I go through these these these, uh, um chapters on the church like jesus What are you saying to us? What can we learn from this? So this church isn't necessarily they've got the works the right works It looks like the right doctrine the love the service of faith, but they are allowing Because you allow See it's we think the church oh no, but we allow And let me tell you this really hit home because it's much easier than a lot to allow them to confront There are some jezebels in this church that i've been praying about confronting and it's not easy Don't worry.

I don't think you're at the first service Or maybe they don't even go to this church You've got that same spirit that can facebook you right? Email you discourage discourage or control control manipulation And so when a church just allows it because it is much easier me and we have this talk weekly Let's just not deal with this this week and then this week turns into this month And then I tell them you know what we're going to deal with it eventually and it's going to be worse And we just but where do you you don't want to go around also sin sniffing And putting And confronting everyone that's not healthy Because it takes time to pray and maybe god many times god has worked in their heart we didn't have to say anything That's the best thing Or you get that wonderful email pastor. I feel god is calling me to a different church Oh I think he is I think well there goes that one. We just missed out that freight train And because and and I joke but it's painful because in a living church The devil's also working And no one is perfect Hello you think sometimes it's my fault yes Yes I I readily admit sometimes things problems are my fault You take a type a highly energetic person who's upset at our society and can't say anything political without somebody getting upset and You take that and try to contain that And wanting to fix things and handle things and and sometimes no, no, no, no, don't fix it too quick Right.

That's why me and morgan. We you know, the guys always want to fix it Like she'll she'll come tell me and she'll vent i'm like i'll handle that tomorrow Oh, no, no, no, just want you to listen. I'm gonna fix this I'm gonna fix this But see the difference is as a family we grow and we own it And we apologize I need to work on that.

That's my crack in the armor We all have cracks in the armor, but sadly a lot of people don't want to work on it Right They get offended and again, I recommend that book bait of satan. Lori and rick took took a group through a few times Maybe do it again. People are so because that's satan's greatest bait.

I believe in the church offense Offense, they you know what? I don't want to go go to church sunday. You know who might be there They just gave me a look at target Well, they were in target, too But this really hit home, I mean they allowed they allowed something that they should not have allowed so I think jesus warned the church or there was conviction and um And there are different there are different Obviously different churches some people some churches will take these things You know and really go to the extreme of it you know, I can think of hyper conservative churches that are really just You know just let me just look for any type of you know We're going to catch it right away and they and if you you you if the timing isn't right you can hurt people more than help them And then other churches, of course like hey, man, I don't care. We're not gonna let's just let god fix it I wish that was possible But he often uses the leadership to say something or to convict people and so this church It seems like a healthy church because he'll go on to to make some comments about this You allow That woman jezebel So either this is a different jezebel bad choice of names Right, you named your daughter.

Jezebel. You don't hear jezebel. You don't hear Delilah You don't hear you know certain names in the bible But i'm a man of basheba You know the names mean something so this church is allowing jezebel could be you know again that jezebel kind of Spiritual influence of what jezebel did with ahab and i'll hopefully get to that Now here's the thing who calls Herself a prophetess I don't think that's an accident there of language.

It's it's she calls herself And I see this so many so many times and I want to tell people, you know, let god call you Let god elevate you let god you think we can stop it Well, the church isn't letting me do this if god wants you to do that Don't you think he'll let you do it like little shane idleman is going to stop god? But sometimes there's a testing period How do you handle no? That reveals a lot Pride and arrogance the

jezebel type of controlling manipulating Or is there a submission because we have to understand even myself submitting to elders and submitting god's order is submission When it's done the right way not when it's abusive not when it's controlling, but there's protection when you submit to uh leadership Whether it's your workplace the headship of the home the church The god has put that there is a covering and the leaders have a responsibility To help the people whether it's offer godly counsel, uh, whether it's it's pointing out things because normally most pastors This is a true true statement There's exceptions, of course most pastors will try to be non-biased They will tell you that here's what I see. Here's what I think based on I know your relation with your husband Or your wife and here's what I there's not really an ulterior motive Um, you know, you could upset them and they leave and you know that happens As well, but there's they were allowing this woman. She called herself a prophetess And there's a sermon i'll never forget when I said something like if you're an apostle don't put it on your business card Or prophet don't put and I heard from like three or four guys.

How dare you i'm apostle such as give me a break That's self-exaltation That's self you don't tell me you're a prophet or you're apostle Let let let god show me through your actions and through your humility and more importantly through your gifting There's humble people in this church who operate in those apostolic apostle just means sent ones Okay, let's not get charismatic crazy. These are not these are actually biblical terms the biblical terms So when if I was a church planter or what I was I had that type of apostolic calling to go and sent to be sent That's all that means let's not get freaking out over it So don't put it on your business type business card on your letterhead or in an email Just say a servant of god Five Five-fold that's why they called five-fold ministry to come some he's called to be prophets apostles evangelists teachers preachers And then a prophet is not weird stuff either. It's that prophetic voice It's that and god will sometimes reveal things to them He doesn't he doesn't do anything without first revealing his secrets to the prophets And those who have this discernment and this wisdom and they can speak things into the lives of people And I can know who those people are over the years by their gifting Through their humility and they operate in that gifting.

I'm not stupid I know what things look like i've been playing church. I've been in church. I've met thousands of church goers I've had thousands of church people come here and and many leave and come back and this and and dealing with all types of situations Everywhere you can tell the genuine from the fake And when they have to call themselves And we've seen people have come.

Hey, i'm such and such I I am a prophet of god At least a half dozen times They go so what am I supposed to do with that? What you're supposed to do is you they want you to oh wow Can you bless our church can you speak To see it's a controlling spirit manipulating Watch what they do when you don't give them the platform. I usually say well god hasn't told me that yet. So Just keep coming.

We'll get to know you Your gifting will become apparent Now I want to be cautious because some people just in their zeal and their excitement You know, maybe maybe elevate themselves too much or or god's gifted me to do this You know and so and so there's grace there but this lady she she comes into that she's she goes to the church Obviously the leaders know because she you know that person right? Well, that's just Let me make sure we don't have a martha here I don't know if we do well, you know No, that's just martha. Just let her do her thing You know just she's just let her and they just allow but martha causes a little bit of damage now and then And she goes and tells people things that well doesn't come to pass And people get a little disappointed and discouraged And it hurts I don't apologize but if it feels like i'm wearing my feelings on my sleeve during this sermon I am because i've seen a lot of pain And we are the ones that have to clean it up I've had to deal with people who go to people and say by this time next year

you're going to have a baby That's not funny And this is four years ago Be very careful be very careful when you say thus saith the lord you allow this self-promoting It's a self-promoting spirit And that's why in all areas of ministry at all areas. We have to be careful If people come in I want to be on your worship team.

Well, that's good for you. What does god want? Well, it's it's the attitude. Do you know I don't know if I don't I can't even think of anybody who told us I want to be on your worship team We just we like well they can sing or somebody else would tell us Or somebody else would mention something and like hey, have you heard this have you and god opens the door Be careful those who try to push the door open Now many of us have been guilty of it You know, we're excited about our gifting and we want we want to but it seems like the more People promote the god the more god holds them back down And if god wants you somewhere doing something you will do it If you submit to it Dr. Bragg, I don't know blessings here this morning, but I remember it was probably 2000 my wife would know 2013 14 And they were in lancaster And I went to a youth camp up in tachibi and they just had blessing on a guitar She'd been coming for a year.

I didn't even know she and like If she starts singing a guitar and I look at morning like what why did nobody tell me why she's not helping with worship You guys gotta what? Well, I don't know how to you know, and my goodness It'll see she'll see that's how god will promote. I remember same thing with with madeline too Brant told me man. She and you gotta you've got to really hear her and hear her heart Okay, because I was on sabbatical and I went to youtube and and wow.

Golly lord. You're really annoying and see They're usually Usually the more god will use you the least likely the person is to be used Because there's not a self-promoting spirit And that's why many people run. I ran from the pastor for a long and oh, no, no way No way And the more more and the more zeal they have to do it often.

It's it's the wrong motives and that's why a lot of Churches close down a lot of people don't make it pastors long term because they're doing it in their own strength It's not a god calling. It's what they wanted to do And they she promoted herself So we're seeing this type of spirit if you want to use that word or this type of person in the church They they are self-promoting uh, and and it goes on to say They would teach and they would seduce my servants to commit Sexual immorality and to eat things sacrificed to idols basically compromising the faith And a commentator doddridge said this the doctrine of those who taught it was lawful to dissemble our religious principles and occasionally to conform to our superstition and idolatry in order to avoid persecution So this person was basically saying hey, it's okay to to compromise Uh, we can see this today a lot of the church is now flying the rainbow flags or a lot of the church is saying nothing saying nothing Kind of kind of like bending to the culture, right? We don't want it. We don't want it.

We want to avoid persecution and and you'll probably see many of you've heard that the new documentary again another one on carl lentz and hillson and um, I watched it recently and you see this capitulation to To to kind of mix the world in with the church and and not be too You know dogmatic about things not too much doctrine and and they begin to welcome all the things It's a great show entertainment wise, but is the spirit of god there? And I really appreciate where his heart's at now and deep repentance But since sexual immorality was rampant there as well And in many compromising churches you find that out What we allow in the church speaks volumes about the church but also the spirit behind Constructive criticism is important. It shouldn't be go get them. I can't wait to get them It should be lord.

I don't want to have this talk But lord, I know we I know we need to we love them enough to to tell them the truth And guys the sad fact is nine times out of ten. They don't return to the church Nine times out of ten is a safe number Now, I don't blame people for a few weeks or something, right? You're kind of processing it But that just shows really where their heart is at Does it not? Oh, i'm offended i'm not coming back. Well, just all we do is speak the truth And people they'll go from place to place when they don't want to hear the truth So jezebel the person The person it's often a person who wants the position of authority and that's why I referenced before first kings uh, basically You know, that's where that term that I use in the title comes from who wears the pants usually, you know, usually a jezebel will will Kind of run the home or they'll they'll push the the man a weak man a passive man Usually can be easily Manipulated by jezebel and she becomes the decision maker ahab wanted a vineyard and he couldn't get it.

So jezebel went behind The scenes and had the vineyard given to her husband and the man who owned it killed She would have her prophets of bale uh there on mount carmel And and elijah was mocking them mocking them mocking them He said let the god who answers by fire Let him be god and god consumed the whole place with fire and the altar everything was sucked up I love the language it uses and jezebel King ahab was like, oh this must be the real god. It seems like but jezebel. Nope Nope Elijah had all the prophets killed and in jezebel said as soon as but before this time tomorrow He will be dead as well And he ran he ran because of fear jezebel's manipulating And so we see her her controlling Manipulating kind of you know behind the scenes of things that are happening And we also know from genesis And I didn't have time.

I just added this this morning so it won't be up there But genesis after the fall we see that the woman's desire was to rule over the man and the man's Part of the fall nature is to be passive Boy, that's an interesting combo I'm called to leave but I want to be passive She's called to follow but she wants to leave And that's why we believe in in complementarianism That's what our church is. We we the different sexes only two genders by the way Are meant to complement each other not better than not more superior not machismo compliment compliment But there there can't be there can't be two heads Just one leadership God god allows a person to leave now I know some men aren't leaving the women have to have to carry the the slack and and I know there's a whole bunch of different situations, uh a single single homes now are obviously continue increasing Where there's no man present and women do the best what they can with what god has given them and god sees them and god helps them But ideally There is a there is a complimentary role that will bless the home even more So again, I noted this before it's a religious spirit, uh from being told what to do So they want they let me explain this from a rebellious i'm sorry religion it's a rebellious spirit it's it's How can I explain this and it this is why it's difficult jezebel spirit It could be an unbeliever could be a false prophetess. It could be but that same type of spiritual influence can work inside a believer A rebellious spirit you ever have one of those you have a four-year-old you do No mine But in the church That rebellious spirit doesn't want doesn't like being told what to do Hey, by the way, can we can we do this? rebellious That that type and it has to be crushed guys It has to be crushed A humble submissive spirit is on is incredible god can use it in powerful ways Could it be the anointing your life could be much stronger if you were much more humble? Could the anointing of god be much stronger in your life if you were more humble and gracious again preaching to myself And this rebellious spirit also gets upset when it's denied Right How do you handle the word no How does anyone handle the word? No Right.

I want to do this. I want the no. Oh Or not right now Let's just hold tight And you can see this work sometimes.

Hey, let's just hold tight. Let's pray about it And then after a little while the person's getting agitated Well, how long we praying about it? Well, just we just talked last week hold on And see agitation Rebellion, it's not it's not happening quick enough And guys, sometimes we just have to bring the cancer out in order to remove it These these types of things can happen in the best of us And once it gets a root It starts to grow And that's why this sermon is to pull it out pull it out by the roots this morning And again, there's a difference between a false prophetess and a bad influence And here's the bombshell too This can happen to men All the guys sitting here going out. Yep.

Jezebel spirit. Yep Tell those women off this this type of Just this type of religious spirit is in men as well manipulating controlling And you want to know those kind of people Power trips they'll manipulate things they'll and here's the thing what they'll say things that are kind of true but they'll twist it in a way that manipulates the situation and that they're because they want to control it and Many times and that's why you'll hear about you know people deliverance Okay, and that's a whole nother topic i've talked before I believe there are times where somebody needs some anointed time of prayer And get this this whatever's in you get it out Get it out this kind cannot come out except by Prayer and fasting there's a sometimes it takes some these strongholds need to come down one brick at a time And what what she likes to do is influence or even men they like to influence weak or soft leaders And again, she calls herself a prophetess I have a word for you Anybody raised in in pentecostal charismatic churches every week I have a word for you Oh there you have a word for you today i have a word for you And some things i'm not mocking that because that's a it's a gift of the holy spirit but i've also seen it where It's used to control And instead of coming to exalt christ you come looking for that person Instead of asking what are the prophets saying you should be saying what is jesus christ saying to you in his word I've seen a lot of lives get detoured And here's why it can be dangerous because somebody could be on they could be fasting and praying god just download something vital to somebody And and they they give it they give it to them. They share it with them The person is just oh, I can't believe this is such good confirmation god.

You are so good And then that person a couple weeks later Ah God put you on my heart and then they begin to control Control Every week every month they begin to control that person and that person then also begins to look for that person for a new word I have found it's not a biblical A concept necessarily. I mean it is you could prove it with biblically but often Those types of words come at pivotal seasons God doesn't the normal course of action isn't to give you a word every month Abram went 10 years on a word I mean, there's abraham. There's there's there's times where you god.

I need your help and there's a pivotal shift It's a turning and you need something and god gives it to you And then it was so profound and powerful that now you need to hear I need I need help on this other issue and sometimes the person sometimes their heart is good But if they if they if they exalt self too much and Because you can take pride in your gifting and then god will humble you For example, you can be you can be on spot sometimes and and giving people maybe something god's put on your heart what they call prophetic word and you're on point and but then But then you start to get prideful And a good idea you think is a god idea And you're no more waiting on god you're just prompted because hey you're god's woman you're god's man And i've seen this a lot i've i've known people that are dead on And a year later they're dead off and that's why we don't live off these types of things And if somebody says, you know, i've got a i've got something I want to share with you does it line up with scripture Take it to the lord in prayer Because god's going to confirm something with you as well With what they said But that's what this this jezebel spirit I'm going to put up about seven things that I think are important And I already discussed this the bible never calls her a jezebel spirit But that's what it is. It's a it's a it's a type of influence And I don't

know in the spiritual realm how that works You know, there's a god god sent a distressing spirit, uh, they said god sent a lying spirit. Um, but is there a nicotine spirit? A caffeine spirit If there's a sugar spirit for sure I mean i've i've heard people cast out all those and leviathan spirit and all all kinds of wow And again, I I mean the bible It's all a lot of speculation and there could be different types of demonic Influences in person's life for me personally.

I think addiction stronghold is just one type of a demonic uh A demon working in the lives of a person to try to take them out through addiction I don't know if there's a you know, a coors light demon and a bud light and Whiskey and it's just there's a demonic realm that will be released on On us and it comes in our thought life with temptation mainly That's how the enemy works with temptation He'll tempt you to take that first step and then begin to pull you back So we believe we teach as a spiritual realm We believe that jesus said cast out demons take authority over the demonic realm but we also want to keep a healthy balance because There should be a priority of preaching sound doctrine of prayer and of wisdom and of worship And it's it's just the biblical model lays it out pretty specifically letting the holy spirit guide us into these Into things i'm going to get to that in a minute to number two a religious spirit See a lot of these things I already told you This person lacks humility Now it doesn't mean a humble person won't struggle with this from time to time Because on this side of heaven you're not perfect You Anybody that you know, you feel you're pretty humble, you know, I would agree with you probably, you know Do you ever feel that that pride come up? Where does that come from? Number three not open to the holy spirit's work So this type of jezebel obviously she would not be open to the holy spirit's work this type of jezebel influence in the church Why because you have to submit to the work of the holy spirit? Your words have to come under his authority And under god's word and under the spiritual covering of the church you're submitting you're submitting jezebel doesn't submit to anyone She controls she manipulates she she tries to get in there and weave herself in there and it is hard because sometimes people again, they just have They just have good hearts. Sometimes they're a little misled or they've got ulterior motives, but it's not a jezebel type situation You know, so you don't want to just any call out that on every type of situation that happens But there are things we have seen over the years. It is very clearly Clearly this type of spirit operating the church And god will show you God will show you if you're open and discerning and that's why he said you allow it i've showed you and you keep allowing it The church is only in trouble for what they allow and know and are doing If it wasn't the case jesus would have said hey, I know you don't know But there's this lazy jess lady jezebel and you need to handle it this week Versus they're allowing it to happen.

And again manipulation and control. It's part of that that that spirit ulterior motives the spirit of self-promotion Number six is huge. This person is critical in order to control They'll be critical of the church or the leadership or maybe somebody you follow on tv or I mean radio or whatever or Anything you're doing a book you're reading.

They're critical of it in order to control And to get your focus back on them And then number seven seductive with sexual sin From delilah to jezebel. We see the seduction of sexual sin From From the transgenderism to the sexualization of children and from lasciviousness to the las vegas lifestyle in christians this type of jezebel spirit is a Controlling manipulating and they have not the fruit of the spirit and so obviously sexual sin is tied to that as well It's all spiritual And then jesus goes on to say something very interesting And I gave her time to what? I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality And she did not repent A good reminder that god's patience is not his approval So, how did he give her time to repent maybe from sermons at the church maybe from letters The disciples wrote maybe from one-on-one dialogue. We don't know but god was using The grace of god was there the mercy of god was there trying

to get her to repent but she would not repent And so because of this I have cast her into a sick bed And those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation Unless they repent of their deeds And those who have been there know that that adultery and sexual sin will take you down Farther than you want to go Right keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to pay But still the call goes out unless they repent Man, what a beautiful word.

No wonder people don't like it I don't you're not one of those repentance preachers. Are you I hear that sometimes too What's so wrong about that? Oh, man. I just want to hear about god's love Well god's love compels us to repent To really experience and fill his love The love of god consumes us and draws us to that word repentance And so this is this is pretty interesting I will cast her into a sick bed and I will kill her children Whoa I will kill her children with death And all the churches shall know that I am he who searches the minds and hearts I will give to each one of you according to your work Now most commentators and I would agree, of course reading even the context I I don't think there's a little six-year-old and a four-year-old who are dying because of her choices Children often we could do a lot cross references are the fruit that is produced from her ministry her followers Those who know it's wrong, but yet they follow the false teacher And often we think You know false teachers Yeah, that's pretty bad, but they wouldn't have a platform if there wasn't listeners If there wasn't followers They wouldn't be false prophets can't be a false prophet if nobody's listening so it goes back to Individually what we what we need to do And get our hearts right and really seek god And that's why a lot of these cults that you've seen over the years have come in the last hundred years I mean, I'm not going to name them all but just the different things that happen and you're like how That's where that phrase drink the kool-aid comes from right? How could they drink the kool-aid? But when we give ourselves over to a false teacher we open ourselves up to that doctrine of demons And then we begin to compromise We're going to make begin to make choices that are not good and they're not godly yet because of pride We have a form of godliness But we deny the power thereof And it's it's a seductive thing Seductive and I won't go into details, but I know a lot of um Let's say like I mentioned, you know the hillsong churches and even there's been churches in our area a lot of churches that are really not they're just kind of they I mean they've got cool worship and skinny jean pants and And you know lights and shows and you know, it's wow.

This is great There's a lot of sexual morality going on in the church a lot even on on the staff I know a couple pastors have stepped down over the years because of that and the church is loosey-goosey And see that's what that's the culture that it promotes now all of us are Take heed lest you fall Right When I watch like that documentary, I don't I don't oh, how could he because it's in all of us If you don't think it is come talk to me afterwards Sin is in all of us That's why we need those guardrails those boundaries sound doctrine prayer fasting accountability and all those things that are so important but you'll see sexual sin is often in compromising churches You're seeing it now with this big split in a lot of denominations or with the lgbtq agenda and the transgenderism And you don't think there's sexual sin and promiscuity in those churches It's rampant And it's it's often tied together with this Now here's the big question though next I think we can put in the next one sickness Did you know that some sickness can be the result of sin? now as a pastor and you you want to be careful because As i've said many times before If that were always the case, we'd all be in trouble We'd all be sick all the time And so you can't say well somebody's sick. You must have sin Often that's not the case actually But there are times where god can use that to wake you up And there's some scripture references That I have here we can put up. Well, let me read ellic ellicotts.

I'm, sorry I don't know if I pronounced that right one of the commentaries He said her children is to be understood as her followers The so-called prophetess led the way in loose lists of morals under the

pretense of some deeper knowledge See she had her associates and their disciples and all the evil things under her control And tribulation and death is their penalty And often as I was studying thought of when I was out in texas that david koresh remember him Is like as soon as As soon as he wants all these wives, okay. Hello red flag number one I mean you can see so many red flags if you watch the document. It's like started on week one Like he's god's spokesperson he's going to reveal some truth bye i'm out of here But see they they get they get sucked into these things James 5 and the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person Well, the lord will raise them up and if they have sinned they will be forgiven Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed So some maybe even in your your heart your life if god's showing you something Maybe your sickness could be a result of the sin that you've been having in your life and I could do a whole study on how like Unforgiveness how terrible it is for the the body the health of the body the immune system Everything the hormones it produces Or with the lack of what it doesn't produce and and anger and how all these things can really really affect the body I mean they associate anger and heart attacks decades ago And unforgiveness and so these things can result in sickness Maybe it might be good to repent this morning if there is anything that god has put on your heart And he said the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective Like another translation the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much Let somebody in the prayer team pray with you after the service the effectual effective fervent heartfelt desirable Prayer of a righteous person a god who has the holy the holy spirit within them can accomplish a lot And of course james 5 20 whoever turns a sinner from the air of their way will save them from death Now I don't think this is having to do with the losing salvation or different things The context is a person is going in the wrong direction because of their sin And god's going to judge them because of it.

Somebody wakes them up And and and gets them back on the right track. They save that soul from death I often think often when this has to do with addiction And ministering to those in that setting Micah 6 13 so also I will make you sick Striking you down desolating you because of your sins And many people might think well that's ruthless how could god do that I think of it as god God disciplines those he loves If a person's going in a wrong direction Maybe on the highway to hell and this wakes them up How many people are back into church because of cancer? Or a physical thing. They just can't explain.

I can't understand. I've got to get back to god Or god will use the death of someone else to draw someone to and it's just I don't like it I don't quite understand it, but it makes sense that god sometimes has to wake us up often. He has to wake us up Often you have to hear from your spouse i'm leaving and never coming back unless you change your wicked ways because if you don't You then become an enabler Many broken homes are the result of enabling I'm not going to say anything i'm not going to do anything And that's good to have that submissive Type lord i'm waiting on you spirit But sometimes that at some point that's got to turn into the Confrontational spouse that needs to slap that guy over the head with a sledgehammer and wake them up Look what you're doing to the kids.

Look what you're doing to the marriage Or church comes to someone look at what you're doing to your family or look what you're doing to the body You're causing division in the body. We've had to deal with this a few times. It's just ugly ugly ugly ugly It's it's it's it's really devastating to a church And so he goes on to say i'm going to close here now to you I say And to the rest in the church in thyatira.

Here's here's what I say As many as do not have this doctrine. In other words, he's praising people it appears that that are walking closely with the lord And you have not known the depths of satan So this is a group that would be like many of you You have not known the depths of satan. It reminded me that sexual sin takes you to the depths Even sin takes us to the depths When we lull in that sin and we enjoy it we go

back to it.

It really the grip of it is strong And Jesus said I will put on you no other burden but do this but hold fast what you have until I come So he rebukes a portion of the church Do not allow this deal with it and to you who have not been walking with Jezebel Here's all I ask you to do. I just ask you to Persevere there's praise for perseverance They're praising them and he's praising them and their perseverance and that's why it's so important as a believer Here's the key to spiritual victory guys Move forward despite setbacks move forward despite difficulties and move forward despite discouragement No matter what comes you have to that fight that good fight of faith and stay on that narrow road That's how we get through life. How do you finish strong Shane you persevere? Yes, you may fall but you get back up And so I want to give you I want to give you five powerful reminders this this will help you from the bible I didn't have the whole verse but David said where can I go to flee from your presence? Where can I go? Nowhere God is everywhere He said if I go to the other parts of the sea even you are there If I get the wings of an eagle and fly and go even you are there if I make my bed in hell Oh God, even you are there And Paul reminds us for our light affliction is but for a moment Working for us a far greater eternal weight and glory for the things that we see Are not our temporal but the things that we don't see are eternal and that God is working in us We are hard pressed on every side Welcome to the club but not crushed You're perplexed But not in despair you're persecuted but not forsaken you're struck down, but you're not destroyed Praise God Nothing can separate us from God's love Neither height nor death nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come can ever separate me from the love of God Which is in Christ? Jesus Thank God Thank God And like Job said though he slay me Yet why trust him This is just a good reminder.

You can learn scripture anywhere I learned all this 22 years ago holding a stop sign for six weeks Stop go Stop go and Palmdale. I can see there's no cars coming for miles. I just look just look Just look Okay, go Stop go hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of scriptures You guys can do it make the time Well, I'm a commuter the commuting is the best time You can listen the whole bible in a week Or at least the new testament and they repeat repeat or put that now they have all of psalms on youtube Just listen to the I mean you can saturate your mind in the word of God Then these things this becomes your foundation so as I'm going through the difficulties, that's the rock That's the foundation though.

I slip and fall God upholds me with his right hand He pulls me up though the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord He may fall and the Lord pulls him up by his right hand signifying the the side of strength and authority And he goes on to say he overcomes and keeps my word works until the end I will give him the power over the nations. He will rule them with a rod of iron They will be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessel and I also have received from my father and I will give him the morning star I don't have time Satan's referred to as the morning star. So is Jesus maybe at some point But the bottom line is this is where we come up with that concept that believers will rule and reign with Christ There's lots of verses and I don't know quite how it will work, but I like it I like to be on that side of the equation he who overcomes It's a good reminder for some of you we work out We work out our salvation.

You don't work for your salvation Oh, I hear this so much I hear this so much You don't work for it And people say but Shane I hope God sees my good works he won't And they get mad but that's the truth Oh, you know what you did You did this over the last 20 years. It's that doesn't even that won't even come up in the conversation You work out your salvation with fear and trembling. You don't work for it And we have to be we have to repent of our pride and our arrogance in this area I have to man.

I hope it's okay to tell you this What's the old saying better to ask for forgiveness and permission? Well, I won't go to a lot of detail pastor abram was there but it was we were at a wedding and Something it was just very interesting. Anyway, we were holding communion and um And they announced if you don't want to do if you don't want community like you're not a believer, right? Just come up And do this don't take the communion And i've never i've seen like a dozen people and they're just they're like smirking at me That like But you can see that like that prideful arrogant smirk just I don't need this God, it broke my heart like oh, yeah, you do You better you better put this down and become this Because you're on a broad road to destruction The pride and the arrogance Genuine faith will persevere. I truly believe that genuine faith will persevere Even when you're knocked down even like the product when you're eating pigs, you will come home 1st john 2 19 I'm going to read a commentary on it.

These so-called believers used to be members of our church, but they did not stay When they left us it proved that they were not of us at all Now this is not about switching churches, okay God allows people to switch churches. It happens more frequently than you think This is about switching doctrine In other words, they came they said the right things But they were not of us they left And they embraced false doctrine And so he's basically saying because they did not stick with us stick with the true doctrine They were not of us to begin with And then the verse we I love to put up that jesus keeps saying to us this this must be for someone He who has an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the church In other words god, it's it's not an audible voice. God is saying something I believe to each and every one of us in some way shape or form Some of you need to be encouraged some of you need to get off that pity party Some of you need to get rid of that critical spirit Some of you need to come to genuine faith and repentance.

The spirit of god is teaching. He's teaching me too and so do not Harden your heart When god is speaking to you he who has basically he who's willing to hear let him hear And the call of repentance is to the false prophet and to the rebellious It's a it's to the controlling person as well as the constant manipulator. That's what we're dealing with in this chapter I just saw a clip.

I wanted to share with you. Um, i'm not going to share the clip, but alice cooper anybody know who he is I Saw his clip And he said it wasn't until the fear of god woke me up The fear of god woke me up, but it's the love of christ that drops us to our knees Man you've got to have both of those don't you? If it's just the fear of god That's not healthy The fear of god is the beginning wisdom the fear of the god is beginning understanding But you have to with fearing god you also love and respect and cherish Thank god for the love of christ those are the two things you need to balance this morning And i'll close with the statement that jesus said earlier I gave her time to repent Nobody has an excuse I gave her time to repent Guys how many how many more sermons will you hear like this before you repent? Maybe you have that jezebel spirit Maybe you operate in that religious spirit that pride that arrogance that well how pastor How do I know do you always have to be right? Are you always critiquing are you open for constructive feedback? Are you a self promoter a pusher a pusher of positions? You want you're pushing yourself into certain positions that has to be repented there's no other way to clean that out of the heart Because if we don't repent what do we do and make excuses? Well, i'm just gifted they don't see my gifting I've had people tell me that those exact words They just don't appreciate my gifting No, you don't even have a gifting either The devil's lying to you get your heart right and then watch what god can do Watch what god can do when the heart is right He will elevate the humble the broken and contrite heart. I will no way cast away God will open doors that no man can shut you'd be amazed at what god can do with humility But again, it begins with repentance.

So don't miss this opportunity this morning From the unbelieving pride to a religious spirit what needs to be repented of this morning And that's what Jesus said not me Of course and you talk about repentance a lot that Jesus did Jesus actually began telling the disciples to go out and preach repentance John the baptist comes on the scene to preach Peter in his first sermon said There you go I'm in good company The majority of the prophets repent Repent repent. Oh backsliding is you'll turn back to God and he will turn back to you It's a beautiful word because it sets the captives free. It restores the marriage.

It restores it rebuilds It's a beautiful word of brokenness Oh God, thank you for repentance. Thank you for granting us repentance Let's remain a praying church my house shall be called the house of Prayer And remember what Jesus did for you remember what Jesus did I just found this in the drawer this morning and it's reminded me of You know, we hear his we hear he had a little you know nailed but this It was like this This is what went through And held him on that cross Guys that and he's just asking us to

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