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2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

The Lion at the Door

1 Peter 5:8–10 · John 10:10

I Introduction

This Bible study is a prophetic call to action as we conclude Family Month. Scripture warns that our adversary the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking to steal our joy, kill our relationships, and destroy our testimony (1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10). Jesus, however, has come to give us abundant life, and has already disarmed every principality and power (Colossians 2:15).

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

The enemy has a plan against your family, but God has a purpose in your trial. A family that stands together on the Word cannot be devoured.

This week we look at how to recognize the enemy's schemes, understand the trials God permits, stand together as families, and stand strong until the mountain moves.

II Four Calls to Action

1 Recognize the Thief

The devil's plans are not always obvious, but Scripture says we are "not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:10–11). He targets the family through isolation, accusation, unresolved anger, prayerlessness, secrets, discouragement, and distraction. His aim is always to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10; Ephesians 6:12).

2 Understand the Shaking

God may allow trials to shake a family, but He sets the boundaries, as He did with Job (Job 1:10, 12). What the enemy means for evil, God can turn around for good. Jesus prayed for Peter, and for us, that our faith will not fail during trials, so that we can strengthen others afterward (Genesis 50:20; Luke 22:31–32). Great faith, testimonies, and triumphs are born out of great trials.

3 Stand Together

A family that stands together is not easily broken, for "two are better than one" and "a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, 12). Husbands and wives are called to dwell together with understanding and compassion, so that their prayers are not hindered (1 Peter 3:7–8).

4 Stand Strong and Speak

We resist the devil by submitting to God, remaining steadfast in the faith, and speaking to our mountains in the name of Jesus (James 4:7; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Mark 11:22–24). Remember there are two conversations: speak to God, and speak to your mountain, trusting God to honour His word in moving it. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, and no weapon formed against us shall prosper (Revelation 12:11; Isaiah 54:17).

III Discussion Questions

1. The enemy often works through isolation, accusation, unresolved anger, prayerlessness, secrets, discouragement, or distraction. Why are these tactics so effective against families, and which one do you think is most overlooked or underestimated?
2. Share a story of a trial or "shaking" God allowed in your life or in a family you know. Looking back, where do you see His hand setting limits on it, and how did He eventually use it for good?
3. What does it look like, in real terms, for a couple or a household to move from "me" to "we" when pressure hits? What tends to get in the way, and what has actually helped in your own experience?
4. What are some "mountains" our families are facing right now? Let's share, so that together we can begin to speak faith and truth over those situations as we go into prayer.

MEMORY VERSE

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith…

1 PETER 5:8–9 (NKJV)

✷ ACTION POINT

This week, practise five commitments for the storm your family may be going through: (1) say "we", remembering your spouse or family is not the enemy; (2) listen before you try to fix; (3) pray together out loud, even for five minutes; (4) take the next right step rather than solving everything at once; (5) guard one another's honour.

Conclusion

The enemy has a plan against your family, but God has a purpose in your trial, and a family that stands together on the Word cannot be devoured. As we recognize the thief, understand the shaking, stand together, and stand strong in the name of Jesus, we can be confident that the God of all grace will Himself restore us and make us strong, firm, and steadfast (1 Peter 5:10).