

RECOGNIZE PEOPLE TRYING TO HURT YOU

10/30/24

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – Last Saturday, I gave a presentation titled “Post-Feast Reminders” – That presentation had 7 points – the fourth point was “Recognize People Who Are Trying to Hurt You”
 - Tonight – I want to spend more time discussing that concept
 - Title – “Recognize People Trying to Hurt You”
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- First – we will admit who the real enemy is
- Gen. 3:15 penalty for the serpent
 Enmity between – serpent & the woman
 Enmity between – serpent’s seed & woman’s seed
 Woman’s seed – shall bruise head of serpent’s seed
 Serpent’s seed – shall bruise heel of woman’s seed
- Eph. 6:12 we do NOT wrestle against flesh & blood
- we wrestle against – principalities
 - we wrestle against – powers
 - we wrestle against – rulers of darkness
 - we wrestle against – spiritual hosts of wickedness
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- Recognize people – who are trying to help you
- Gal. 6:1 appreciate people who try to help you
- Do not seek revenge
- Rom. 12:17 repay no one evil for evil
 18 if it is possible (as much as depends upon you), live peaceably with all
 19 do not avenge yourself – give place to wrath
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- Old Testament – Recognize those who are trying to hurt you
- Exod. 1:22 Pharaoh decree – kill every Hebrew son
Exod. 2:2 Moses was born – hid him for 3 months
 3 when his mother could no longer hide him – put him into an ark in river
Joshua 2:1 Joshua sent 2 men to secretly view the land – they came to Rahab’s house

2-3	the king of Jericho sent messengers to Rahab
4-5	she the 2 men (on the roof, according to verse 6) and told the messengers
	1. the men came, but I didn't know from where
	2. when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men left
	3. I don't know where the men were going
	4. pursue after them quickly; you can still catch them
1 Sam. 13:6	they were in danger – hid in caves, thickets, rocks, holes and pits
1 Sam. 17:26	“who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”
1 Sam. 19:2	Jonathan advised David to hide from Saul
1 Sam. 24:1-6	David hid in a cave from Saul & 3,000 soldiers

	·	New Testament – Recognize those who are trying to hurt you
	·	James and Peter
Acts 12:2-3		Herod – killed James & seized Peter
	·	Paul
Acts 9:23-25		the Jews plotted to kill Saul
Acts 17:5-9		a mob was looking for Paul
2 Cor. 11:13-15		called themselves “apostles of Christ”
20		bondage – devour – steal from you – exalt over you – hit you
2 Tim. 4:14-15		Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm – may the Lord repay him according to his works
17-18		“the Lord stood with Me & strengthened me” – “the Lord will deliver Me from every evil work”
	·	The Son of God
Matt. 16:21		suffer many things from the elders, chief priests & scribes – be killed
John 8:59		He hid Himself and went out of the temple – (in middle of the crowd)
John 10:39-40		He escaped out of their hand – He went beyond Jordan
John 11:53		from that day forward – they plotted to put Him to death
54		He no longer walked openly among the Jews
John 12:36		He was hidden from them
John 16:2		put you out of the synagogue – kill you, thinking they are serving God
John 17:14		“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world (just as I am not of the world)”
John 19:11		“you could have no power at all against Me, unless it had been given you from above”