



# COMMUNITY GROUP NOTES + QUESTIONS

DON'T FALL FOR IT (PART 2): THE RESISTANCE  
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1 PETER 5:6-9; 2 CORINTHIANS 11:2-4

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## INTRODUCTION

Icebreaker: When you think of Satan, what do you picture in your mind's eye and what from pop-culture may have influenced that image? (i.e. Marilyn Manson, The White Witch of Narina, The Exorcist movie, Donte's Inferno, cartoons, etc.)

Consider the different approaches that are taken in the Old and New Testaments when it comes to discussing Satan - how do the two different approaches help warn us and teach us about Satan in a way that convinces us that he is a real threat? How does God demonstrate his power against Satan in each Testament and how does that encourage you?

How can we find a balance between obsessing over Satan and ignoring the spiritual battle that he is waging?

Satan loves complexity -

- Share how you would simply answer: What must I do to be saved? and/or How can I be put right with God?
- Chief end of Man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever; God loves us and created us to enjoy him - What has Satan used to complicate your life causing you to forget these simple truths?

What would make someone (or you) an easy target for Satan (a weak gazelle)? Are you naked/exposed and open to attacks because you don't have your armor on?

***“Following Jesus will lead you into intense conflict with evil”***: will you share about a time in your life in which you have found this statement to be true?

Prior to this sermon, Had you ever considered what your battle strategy (ways to resist) might be? Did you focus on Christian disciplines or did you place yourself in a Christian bubble where you didn't engage with the world? A combination of those or something completely different?

If growing more Christlike intimidates Satan and makes him flee, what things are Satan using to prevent you from conforming to Christ?

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## TOMMY CLAYTON

*"Satan's reaction to us is similar to the demons' reactions to Jesus"*

### THE WAYS OF RESISTANCE

#### ***Hear His Voice; Resist Lies with Truth (WORD)***

What lies has Satan been using to attack you? What was your response? Did you go to the Word to help combat those lies? If not, what held you back from going to the Word?

Hebrews 4:12 How has God used his Word to cut you open to fill you? How has it helped you heal or refresh you?

The "sayings" God gives us in his Word is our arsenal - how stockpiled is your arsenal? Do you have the right "weapon" for every attack? What are some strategies you can use or have used to build your arsenal?

#### ***Have His Ear; Resist accusations with confession (PRAYER)***

What accusations has Satan used against you, currently or in the past?

"Yes Satan, that accusation may be true but The Gospel ..." - how does this response help you respond to those accusations differently than how you have in the past?

When you pray you are holding on to the throne of God; how often are you running to this for safety in an attack? What are other places you go to first instead?

How can prayer help to ensure that Satan isn't able to eclipse the glory of the Lord all around you? When is the last time you stopped to behold and ponder on the glory of the Lord?

***Stay Tuned Next Week for - Belong to His Body; Resist Darkness by Walking in the Light (FELLOWSHIP)***