

Recovering the Spoils

#6 “PRIORITY 1” SERIES

Luke 11:21-22 *When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.*

The Strongman's armour



INTIMIDATION



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DOUBT



HOPELESSNESS



FEAR

1

Be filled with the
Holy Spirit

2

Hide God's Word in
your heart

3

Recover the spoils

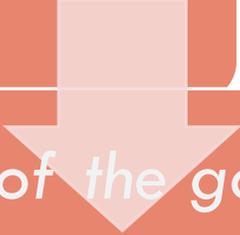
Overcoming the strongman

God has done all He is
going to do about the Devil
until the end of time.

The rest is up to us.

1. Recover the Spirit of Faith

Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him...*



Romans 1:16-17 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

Examples of Faith and its Results

Matthew 9:27-30 *As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”*

When He had gone indoors, the blind men came to Him, and He asked them, “do you believe that I am able to do this?”

“Yes, Lord,” they replied.

Then He touched their eyes, and said, “According to your faith, it will be done to you...”

Examples of Faith and its Results

Acts 14:9-10 *He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed, and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk...*

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 *Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”*



Psalm 105:19 *‘...till what he
foretold came to pass, till the word of
the Lord proved him true...’*



2. Recover the Wasted Years

Joel 2:17, 25 *Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?"*

"....So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, my great army which I sent among you."

2. Recover the Wasted Years

Psalm 106:43 *Many times He delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin...*

- Resources taken
- Strength taken
- Hope taken
- God says: “I WILL REPAY for those years...”



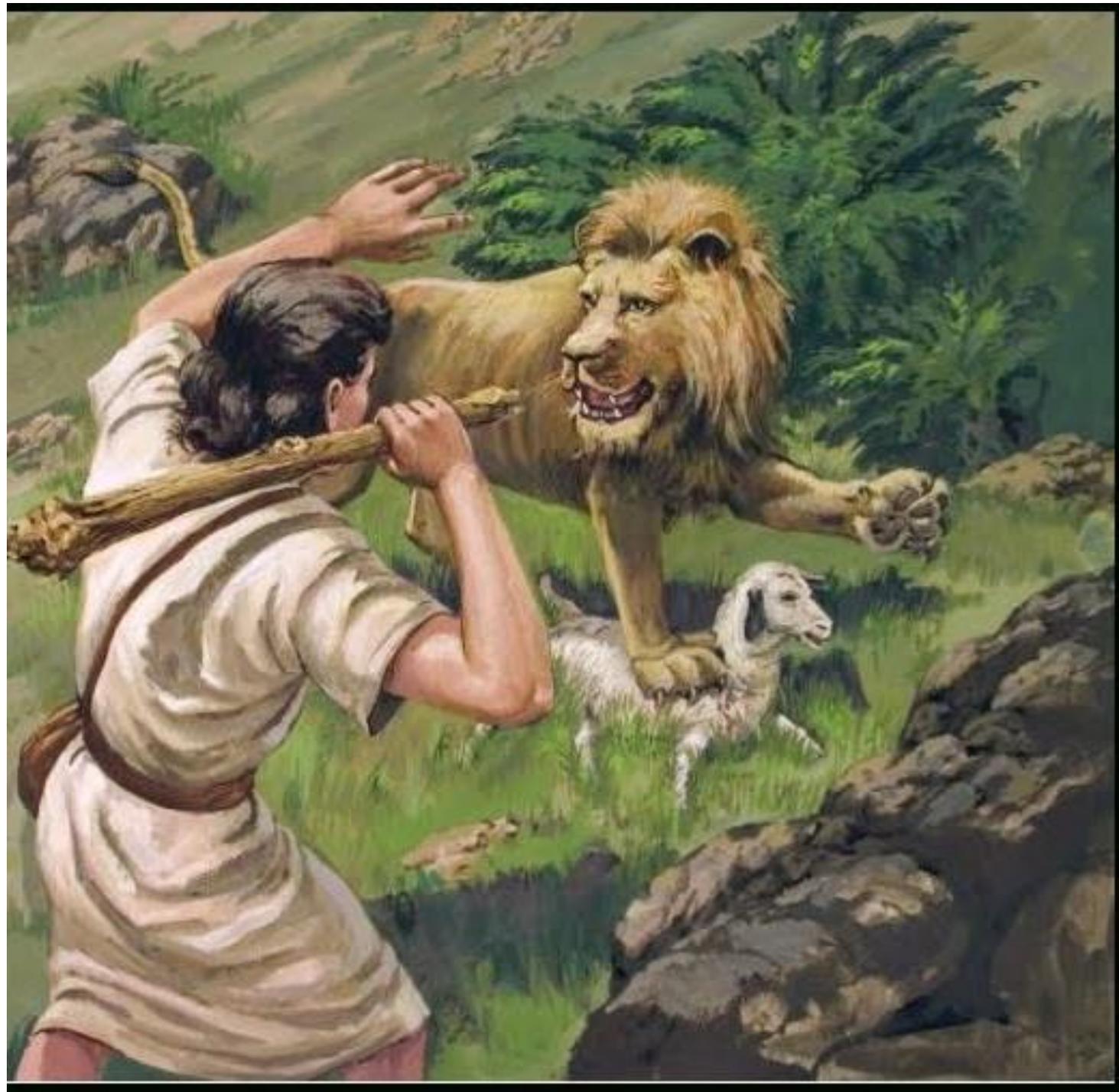
3. Recovery of Sheep Stolen

Joel 2:28 *“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”*

David kept sheep (1 Samuel 17:34-37)

Lambs represent spiritually immature people

- In church once, but not now
- Slow or crippled by life
- Wandering; uncommitted
- Deceived.





Remember the banana – when
it left the bunch, it got skinned

Luke 15:3-7 Then Jesus told them this parable:

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

