

# Can A Christian Be Possessed B...y A Demon - Podcast - Jan 2024

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**D** Dave Leake 00:02

All right. Hey, everybody. Welcome to the Allison Park leadership podcast where we have culture creating conversations. I'm one of your hosts. My name is Dave.

**J** Jeff Leake 00:10

My name is Jeff. And of course, I'm the lead pastor at Allison Park church. Dave is my son, and the campus pastor at the Northside campus. And what makes I think this work is we're both learners, we, we've had been having these discussions forever, since we're father and son. These are things you've been asking me about, since you were probably two. And then we're also trying to speak into the staff and the life of Allison Park church, as well as any other relationships that we have extended throughout. So how's it going to Northside campus? Dave, you changed that the format? Let me just ask that real quick. It's

**D** Dave Leake 00:46

amazing. Yeah, things go really great.

**J** Jeff Leake 00:48

You guys have like doubled since you made that move to the evenings. Right? Yeah.

**D** Dave Leake 00:52

And that's great. But it's just, it's just been. I mean, we just had a service on Sunday, where we were talking about, you know, we're talking about worship, and why why do we worship? And

just man, like, as we went back in just, you know, focusing on giving God glory, not just receiving ministry, but I'm like him, it was just like, such a powerful environment. Yeah. I mean, it felt like we have a service once a year called sacred assembly, which was coming up pretty soon. And it was like a sacred assembly moment. Like, it was like the room was just like, like, people are weeping and like, and that's not necessarily a regular expression, just in any of our services. It was just a powerful moment with God. So yeah, it's been it's been really great. It's been really great.

**J** Jeff Leake 01:39

Okay, this is episode two of season five. Yeah, we want

**D** Dave Leake 01:43

to give our give our gratitude. So as always, what we'll just always say is, if you have been listening to the show for a little while, or if it's your first time, tuning in, thank you for being a part of this. We appreciate your participation with this. And we want to give a couple of special shout outs to those who have left us new five star reviews on Apple podcasts. So thank you to PTS mats. And thank you to Dr. Allen, for your kind reviews. And we would love to give you a shout out as well. So if you want to go to your apple podcast app, you can go to the bottom, hit write a review, leave us five stars, if you wouldn't mind. It just helps us to kind of spread the word. And so yeah, if you're part of the show, in general, you're listening. Thank you. We're so excited for this. And for our second podcast of the year, we're going to start off with a kind of a crazy title. And this This episode is going to be titled Can a Christian be possessed by a demon? Yeah.

**J** Jeff Leake 02:35

So let me reflect a little bit we we have been on this theme over the last couple of seasons, from time to time, we've been talking about the supernatural being component of the universe, right, we've, we've we've talked a little bit about the Nephilim. We've talked about, you know, the whole story behind the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and this idea that supernatural beings maybe could have made it with human beings and produced some kind of a half demon race. We've talked about aliens and whether or not they're demonic in nature. So this is a this is a real curiosity. All of the above, right? This is a real curiosity, especially for you. And a lot of what makes this podcast work is when we get into a conversation, Dave, where you especially have a lot of interest in curiosity, and I think you've been reading a book recently. Is that right? That? Yeah. Has sort of prompted some of this. You want to talk about that? Yeah. So you're not we're not recommending this one as this is? Absolutely. We agree with everything. That's part of what we're going to talk about

**D** Dave Leake 03:39

is more of a curiosity, more of a cure. So there's a there's a book that I heard of from a minister named Derek Prince. And as far as I can tell, I mean, he seems like a really solid minister who didn't have moral failures throughout his life and generally does a good job of interpreting the

Word of God. And he wrote this book called The shell expel demons. Yep. And it's based off of that last verse and mark where he talks just talking about things that will happen when you do it in my name. Anyway,

**J** Jeff Leake 04:08

so he's, I think he's passed now, right? He's not yet alive.

**D** Dave Leake 04:12

British accent I believe, so. I think he ministered in the 60s. So I should check that, but

**J** Jeff Leake 04:17

I think he I think he lived longer than that. But yes, right. No, he

**D** Dave Leake 04:21

definitely did. Yeah, book I'm reading was written in the 90s. But I just assumed, I guess, I don't know. Yeah.

**J** Jeff Leake 04:28

So you didn't know Derek? Prince? You're like, yeah, of course. Okay. So anyway,

**D** Dave Leake 04:33

so yeah, he wrote this book and basically describes this aspect of his ministry. He came from a charismatic stream of Christianity. And one day he had an experience where he felt like he personally was, you know, after he had been a Christian for a long time. He personally felt like he was delivered set free from a demonic influence in his life and after that, There was the spirit of heaviness on him. And after that, he was able to function differently. And basically, the idea he talks about is how sometimes we are attributing things that are happening negatively in our life to that's just me, like, oh, man, my family has always just had this issue of alcoholism or of anger or whatever it might be. And he's saying, there certainly are always are components that are just our physical flesh, our sinful nature, but he's asserting this idea that sometimes there can be a spiritual component as well. Where the enemy you know, of our soul, right? Like the the Paul says, For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, rulers, you know, this dark world. He's saying sometimes the spiritual forces of evil are actually somewhat responsible for what happens not that we have no participation in it. Yeah, but that there should be this element of us being more aware and, and having deliverance to this. And so he then goes on to describe hundreds of cases of born again, Christians, not people that are not saved, but Born Again Christians who are living a godly lifestyle who are okay, you know,

**J** Jeff Leake 06:16

so let me interrupt you a little bit. So I did look it up. Derek Prince was born August 1915, and died September 24 2003. Yeah. So he was a theologian, a pastor. Got his education at King's College of Cambridge. So he was a British pastor and leader anyway, let me let me go into the thing he describes because I just watched a little video clip of his testimony. He talks about being depressed as a as a as a pastor. Yeah. So he wasn't just a believer, he was a pastor. Yeah. And there is a verse that we find in Isaiah 60, or 61, where it says, I put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And he, as he was reading that he felt like that, that was that was meant for him. So there's two ways to take spirit of heaviness. One is an atmosphere surrounding you of your life of heaviness or another would be a demonic spirit that's bringing heaviness into your life. And he felt like God said, that's what you have, you have this demonic spirit, attacking your life. And if you put on the garment of praise and begin to worship me, I'll set you free from that. And so he said, God, free me from the spirit of heaviness, and he began to worship. And he said, he let out a loud groan. And he felt like something just let go of him. And all of a sudden depression lifted off of him. And so that would be an essence, what we're talking about here is this question of, what exactly was that? Is that just a choice to praise? And all of a sudden, there's a level of spiritual freedom that comes in your life? Or is that truly a spiritual attack? What level of demonization is that? Those Those, I guess the questions that we're asking, in this particular episode, and the practical value for this would be when you are encountering fear, or, you know, compelling sin of some kind that you can't seem to get free of, or bitterness, or, you know, depression or anxiety. Is this a? What I will call sanctification question, which is, meaning that, that I just need to give Jesus more of my life, turn from some things, repent of some things, obey some things, and the Holy Spirit is going to sanctify me so that I can begin to walk in what he has for me, or is there a level of spiritual demonization that's happening? And what's the pathway forward for Christians if they're dealing with those things? When what level or what part did demonic spirits play? In keeping us bound? Yeah, yeah. So back to you. Okay. Who's this book? All

**D** Dave Leake 08:53

right. So let's, um, I haven't finished yet, um, probably two thirds through it. It's a fascinating read. I think. Um, so I'll set this up for a larger discussion in a second, but I'll just say that, I think, a week ago, or whatever, when I was first exploring this topic, I had a friend that was interested and we were talking about it. A week ago when I was first exploring this topic. I was sort of like, this is a ridiculous thing to think like, what is ridiculous that a Christian could be possessed by a demon okay. And maybe the way I said that maybe I still think that's ridiculous in a sense, but using using that specific language, but like explain,

**J** Jeff Leake 09:32

explain why is it why was it why was that your first reaction?

**D** Dave Leake 09:35

Because I was thinking okay, because I'm thinking like, you know, if you're if you are a Christian

and you're truly owned by Jesus, and you're filled with the Holy Spirit, then you can also be possessed, you know, owned by a demon. Yeah.

**J** Jeff Leake 09:50

So we were talking about this idea of ownership. So technically, salvation does not occur until so you you invite Jesus to come and do what he wants to do in your life. In that process, there is this idea of justification meaning that you're declared righteous so that you're declared forgiven. And that's something that happens to you legally, so that you have right standing before God or righteousness. But then there is also something we call regeneration, meaning that you're spiritually dead inside. And the Holy Spirit comes in, ignites You from within, and gives you life. And all of a sudden, now, we would say, your own by own by God, you know, Jesus purchased you on the cross through the blood of Jesus Christ, so he has the right to own you, you have willfully agreed with that, and the Holy Spirit now has started to live within you, and therefore occupies your house, so to speak, and you can't actually be saved to let the Holy Spirit's occupying your house. Yeah. So the question is, Can a Christian be demon possessed? Can the Holy Spirit be occupying this house, and then a demonic spirit be occupying mouse at the same time? And so my perspective has always been absolutely not right. Once the holy spirit lives on the inside of you, demonic spirits don't want to be anywhere near that. Yeah. But yet, in practicality, we understand that a person who has the Holy Spirit living on the inside who belongs to Jesus still can have strongholds that exist in their life that haven't yet been broken, and feelings of heaviness and bondage that people haven't been freed from. Sure. So where does that come from? And how do we get set free from it?

**D** Dave Leake 11:32

And I would say that your viewpoint is just the default traditional Christian view. That's not like that. That has been my view as well. I would I would describe myself right now as I'm I'm reading through stuff and I'm having more of an open mind and I feel a little more undecided than I have been before. Let me explain why. So what I'll just what I'll do for the for the remainder of this podcast, I'll start to assume the opposite side, even though I'm not even sure which camp I'm really in. I'll just, I'll just go for the hunger to

**J** Jeff Leake 12:09

argue for the maybe Christians can be demonized in some way. Yeah. Yeah. So okay. And anyway, and I'll keep to my rooted traditional. Yeah, sure. perspective. So So let's, let's Well, we may be closer, and actuality, then. Yeah, then what we're saying. Right. So So

**D** Dave Leake 12:28

as I'm reading this book, I, one of the things that stood out to me immediately was oh, Derek, Prince is a very solid, biblical teacher. I think I was expecting with one of his like Christians to be possessed. I was expecting like, I've read some articles on the internet. Like my friend sent me one. I was like, this sucks. Like, it's like, it's like it doesn't it's not presented? Well, there are certain logical jumps. And like, that doesn't make any sense to me. Like, this feels wacky. This

feels like fringe of Christianity, like you're still a Christian, but it's sort of, but then, you know, Derek is like, doing a great job of dispositive the word and going through the Greek text and stuff. And so I'm like, Okay, I'm having an open mind. And basically, like, what he presents is, is a case that I'm having a little bit of a hard time, shutting it down. Basically what he says this, there's not really anything directly in scripture that says that to be demonized is something that is only the case. For for non Christians. Now, I would have thought that that's automatically a logical assumption that we just talked about why that's a logical assumption that that can't happen. But what he says is, the English translation to be possessed by a demon really is not the way the Greek words that the way the Greek says it is demonized, meaning to have a demon so not that the demon has you. But it's that you have a demon you are being plagued or tormented by a demon. And often in the gospels, when we see a demonized person, we see someone who is totally controlled and tormented by a demon, like like the guy Legion who is in the toms, and he's cutting himself and he's wild and, and Jesus sends out these demons in the herd

J Jeff Leake 14:13

of pain. So that's this, this real slow down here for so what is a demon? Dave? That's a

D Dave Leake 14:17

question that's hard to answer. Traditionally, Orthodox Christianity would say that a demon is probably a fallen angel that chose to rebel against God with Satan, and now is a PART part of this army. So it's a fallen, evil spirit. Can

J Jeff Leake 14:33

you slow down for a moment? So we think of the devil we think of red red character with pitch forks and horns, we realize that's not the case more. The devil was created as a beautiful powerful angel like Gabriel or Michael is great probably. And then became twisted in nature. Sure. So we think of a supernatural being we understand with angels. There are many different kinds. There are many different levels there is Seraphim and Cherubim. And there are some with wings and there's some with foreheads. And there's some with like a cover an eyeball like, yeah. So like all kinds of these divine beings that are tried to be described by different authors, like the book of Revelation or Daniel, that are spectacular in nature. Yeah.

D Dave Leake 15:18

And they're probably not the literal, they're probably figured to descriptions of some of they're having a hard time putting

J Jeff Leake 15:23

we really don't know, we don't really know they're a part of the invisible spiritual realm. Now. So what Derek Prince describes is that demons are disembodied spirits. So that's a little different from an angelic creature, in that they're disembodied spirits that are seeking a body.

different from an angelic creature, in that they're disembodied spirits that are seeking a body to inhabit. Yeah, because an angel that would be physical, let's say, embodied. How does it embody something else? That's that's, I guess that's one of the big questions. We know, Jesus said that when a spirit is cast out of a person who's possessed, it goes through the arid places, seeking for another place to belong, the guy Legion, that was Jesus cast out the demons, they, they basically were afraid, I guess, of being disembodied again. And so they're like the least that is into pigs as it is in the pigs when the pigs went crazy ran into the water. And so they were, they were in the same spot as they were before. But the Bible doesn't actually really go into great detail about what it's like a chapter that says, and this is, this is what demons are, we have some moments where Jesus reflects on it, we see this as a big part of the ministry of Jesus, he's casting out people who are being harassed by or tormented by demonic spirits. But we know some somehow, some demons can actually inhabit a human body, take over, take control, and make it so that the person who is demon possessed is not even in their right mind are always in control of their faculties. And this is something we have personally seen in ministry, where you encounter someone that is in the process of giving their life to Christ, who all of a sudden, manifest in a crazy way. What we would read about in New Testament writings was someone's now foaming at the mouth, or screaming or flailing about, and that you can actually speak to the demon and through the person who's possessed vocal cords, they'll speak back to you, the demon will. And there's an interaction of being set free. This is something you see regularly throughout the New Testament. And we see happening in our world today as well. Yeah. So when we think about that violent form of ownership and oppression of some kind of spirit that comes on a person, and we think about that happening to a person who has the Holy Spirit living within them, it seems to be how can that be possible? Yeah, that both be living in the same house at the same time?

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Dave Leake 17:49

Yeah, well, I mean, for Okay, so for starters, we really don't have ownership as something that we see from a scriptural basis. I mean, the demons don't have ownership yet. Well, there's nothing that would say that they have ownership even based on what the Bible says

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Jeff Leake 18:04

ownership over a person. Yeah. A non Christian person,

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Dave Leake 18:08

what would say they have ownership from just the words of Scripture. Oh.

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Jeff Leake 18:14

So that you know, there's the passage of scripture where Jesus talks about the demon, you know, coming out of a person, so, when a strong man fully armed guards his own house, his possessions are slickers as Matthew Luke 11 But when someone's driving attacks and overpowers him the armor in which the man trusted he's he takes away the armor the which the man trusted. And then it says when an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through

places seeking rest and does not find it that it says our return to the house I left when it arrives, it finds the house swept clean, put an order, then it goes take seven other spirits more wicked than itself and they go in and live there. So it's at least inhabited.

**D** Dave Leake 19:02

Yeah, for sure. And maybe it's owned and

**J** Jeff Leake 19:04

the final condition of the person is worse than the first Yeah. So these are the words of Jesus that I just read by the way in Luke chapter 11. Right. So it doesn't actually say ownership isn't habit No. And what we assume is ownership is we've watched someone who's seemed to be lost control I guess that could just be influence Yeah, well, maybe maybe that's that's a good point maybe that's influence

**D** Dave Leake 19:28

demonized. I mean, it's so the the actual way the Greek would say, I think would be an you have a demon, not a demon has you whether you're saved or not. Now, there's an obvious latch

**J** Jeff Leake 19:38

to you. Yes, yes. Yeah. So if there's a spectrum of something we call demonization, there would be on the light end, that you feel. You wake up in the morning and you start to feel some degree of harassment in your mind. Because you've been making progress spiritually and all of a sudden these memories start popping up and, and you're like, Man, I feel like I'm under attack, okay, that's how we pay. And then on the other side, you have the Legion who's like, you know? Yeah. So demons and they go into if we if we look eggs, right, okay, let's

**D** Dave Leake 20:10

use this if it's a house illustration, or let's say let's do a boat. So like a light end would be something that's just on the very tip of the bow. And then the other one would be it's in every compartment, there's demons and there's one that's driving the wheel rocking it like Yeah, it's like all over the place. Like it would all it would all probably still fall under the general category of like a demon is living there. But there's there's even variations of demons living there within the non Christians like, yeah, you have Legion who has 1000s. And you have anyway. So all this to say all this to say. I think it's clear that the demonic force there there are demonic forces at work that are trying to destroy people's lives that are working for the devil, with the goal of killing and stealing and destroying as he says, a thief comes to kill, steal and destroy, but have come that you might have life and life. You know, abundantly so clear there are demons that the question is to what degree can they affect humans? Are Christians, not humans, Christians? Now, I would say that the traditional view, we would we would delineate two different English



words, we would say there is demon possession. And we would say there's demon oppression, meaning a demon is tormenting you, but doesn't actually have any ownership, which really does, it probably doesn't end either way. But let's say we could say one would be a demon is living on the inside of you, and the other one that demons just in your ear around you, or it's on you, but it's not in you. We've delineated that way, whether or not that's actually scripture, it's been a helpful way to have this worldview to talk about how demons can interact with Christians. Right? Yeah, um, what what Derek Prince's argument would be what his case is, is there's really, so okay, there's really nothing in Scripture. If we're not talking about ownership, there's really nothing in Scripture that would say that a demon could not be tormenting a person from within a part of their life. So he would say, you know, what is it Ephesians? I have this year Ephesians 427, when he's talking about anger, so

**J** Jeff Leake 22:25

it says, In your anger, do not sin? And do not let the sun go down while you're still angry. And do not give the devil a foothold.

**D** Dave Leake 22:33

Right. Yeah, there you go. Perfect. Yeah.

**J** Jeff Leake 22:37

Memorize, there you go. So that basically indicates that if you harbor hurt, and anger, and you don't release it to God, you know, forgive, that it has a way of of providing a point of influence that you give to the powers of darkness, to harass you. Yeah. And basically, I think logically happens like that. So you're moving along, everything's good. You feel like you're making spiritual progress, but you have this Bitter Root inside of you. And the devil knows, all he needs to do to trigger something in you is to send someone along that does something or says something that smells like feels like, sounds like what you went through before. And immediately you're triggered inside. And now you're miserable. And now you're, you're You're reliving memories, and you're, you're reviewing scenarios of what you'd like to say or do and you feel, you feel the hurt all over again. And it looks like someone comes along, and you have an infected finger and they flick it. Like, it's like, all of a sudden, now you're radiating pain, it's sore, and you're like, I can't believe you would do that to me, like, but the problem isn't that someone flicked the finger, it's that it's infected, right? It's, it's that problem. Okay, so and then you then you look actually Ephesians chapter six, I was actually thinking this. So Paul says, Therefore says, For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities against the powers of this dark world against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms, therefore, put on the full armor of God. So the implication is, because you're under attack, and there are demonic forces trying to ruin your life. You should arm up, just have a helmet of salvation on a breastplate of righteousness. You got to protect yourself, because they can affect you. Right? You wouldn't need the armor if they can't affect you. Right,

**D** Dave Leake 24:30

exactly. They can clearly attack you. You have to defend yourself. Yeah, if you don't defend

exactly. They can clearly attack you. You have to defend yourself. Yeah, if you don't defend yourself, you're going to be in some ways getting kicked by demonic force. Okay, so

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Jeff Leake 24:40

So clearly, we would say, based upon those two passages in Ephesians Yeah, somehow the devil can have a point of legal influence in your life to harass you that you have to arm up and prepare yourself against so that you don't We deal with any unnecessary harassment from the enemy. Right? So we're, we're on solid, biblical ground with that. Yeah,

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Dave Leake 25:10

for sure we are. So, so then here's, here's where, you know, here's where I think we leap into something that's outside of what I would have considered a possibility is that if you give, so if you give as a Christian, your area or an area of your life, a room in your house, let's say, over to sin to where it becomes a stronghold, that it can be, it can become such a open part of your life towards things that are not godly, that you could theoretically be demonized. You could have a demon plaguing you and tormenting you, and, and adding to what you're already dealing with. So, you know, I try to find the verse here, I'll find it in a second. But so

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Jeff Leake 25:57

you have natural lust that you're giving into, but because of your ongoing compromise in that area, you're surrendering a part of yourself. So that, then that gets accentuated, are complicated by legal demonic harassment, right? So so it says in Ephesians, 4:19, they have given themselves over to sensuality, with a continual lust for more. So giving themselves over means it's sort of like that foothold thing you've given yourself, there's part of yourself, you keep giving over so that now the compulsion you feel to look at pornography is not just about your own desire to look at, you know, sex or nakedness or whatever. It's now reinforced by the harassment of horses. So there's

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Dave Leake 26:51

a there's a book I was reading recently by John Mark Comer, author of the ruthless elimination of hurry, but he also wrote one called Live no allies. And he talks about these three enemies that are listed in first, John 21:6. He says, for everything in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, comes not from the Father, but from the world. So he talks about or wait, actually, it wasn't in this one. But sorry, I'm reading a verse that might feel relevant. He talks about how in here, there's the flesh and the world. And then we have the devil as as our other enemy, so that there are three enemies of the soul, or if God wants to do our sinful nature, the flesh, there's the the world, which is against God. And then there's the devil. I think that the proposition with this idea is that sometimes there's a supplement, of course, like what you said, there is the flesh, which already is aware of their spirit, or giving overground to what the devil wants to do by holding unforgiveness or hate or we're giving into addiction, and we're not, you know, or we're giving in to compromise in some other way. And that area, then is supplemented by a demon that's tormenting us, giving us extra thoughts. Fact actually, there was this. So everybody's into all the desert father monks right now, it's like

one of the Christian like, what did this I remember John Mark comer was talking about this monk called named Evagrius, who was supposedly, you know, one who fought demons, like as a monk, like that was one of his things he talked about. And he talked about how the primary way demons attack Christians is by it's a misquote in this project about essentially, like these foreign thoughts that come into your mind you have to do war with. Yeah, so it's not just that your flesh has these there are these things, the seeds that that get planted? What if? Or you should think about or is that oftentimes, like, that's actually demonic? It's not just that your mind thinks of these, that these are these are actual demons attacking us. Right whispering to you. It's

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Jeff Leake 28:56

like the Holy Spirit can whisper to you. Exactly. So so we go to war,

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Dave Leake 28:59

not just with our own thoughts, but with the thoughts that are being planted by demonic forces. So yeah, so the case for this would be maybe just maybe if you have a stronghold, you can allow something supplemental to comment and plug your life. So

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Jeff Leake 29:13

I think up until now, they've were absolutely agreed. I don't think there's any issue with that. You've actually said if we take the word possession out of it, which isn't a New Testament word, and we substitute the word demonization, and we have this spectrum of things. We would say there is points of control legally, that you can get over where you are demonically, tormented, harassed by the enemy. And we would probably say that if the Holy Spirit has entered your life, you're probably not going to look like the demoniac with the legion of demons in you, right? That's probably more of a pre Christian condition, right? But you may look like someone who has a compulsion that you can't seem to control or a maybe a disposition that's hanging on your life that you say can't seem to get free of now, what we disagree about? And I guess I'm not even sure you disagree with me Sure, you're just going to take the other the devil's advocate position, which, I guess is a pun intended here with this particular conversation. So if a person is in that place where they feel that they're being harassed, or they've given over a point of control, or they're under some compulsion of there's lies that they're completely battling with, or there's a heavy disposition on their life, and we feel like probably this is a demonic, there's a demonic activity as well as fleshly activity. Now, the now the debate is, what do we do? Do you need to be delivered by somebody? Or do you need to repent and use your spiritual authority to rise up and well, can I take take the rightful place? Let Jesus take the rightful place in your life that he needs to be and expand

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Dave Leake 30:53

this? Yeah, maybe? What might be the two different sides? Do you think that a Christian can have a demon living on the inside of them?

J Jeff Leake 31:02  
Well, why would you say on the inside, okay, cuz,

D Dave Leake 31:07  
here's why. Here's why. Because sometimes, so I have two,

J Jeff Leake 31:12  
what does it matter where they are?

D Dave Leake 31:15  
Do you think that when somebody breaks a stronghold in their life that is, is augmented by a demonic spirit? However you want to say this, right, that it's not just the flesh? Do you think that a Christian can manifest where a demon comes out of them and some sort of physical manifestation, the way that we would talk about what the demoniac like, maybe this person is walking around being controlled like Legion, but they have, they're demonized to the point of when they get set free to have some sort of physical manifestation. I think this is where the.com Okay,

J Jeff Leake 31:50  
physical manifestation. What Yeah, sure, I mean, manifestations happen all the time. They have really little value in describing what's really happening. It's just a, it's just a bodily or emotional reaction to something. Okay? So if, if all if I've been bitter, and then I realized, oh, man, I've been bitter at so and so. And I say, I don't want this foothold in my life anymore. I choose to forgive, I release what they did to me, got to ask you to pull this bitter root out of my life. And all of a sudden I go. And then I start to weep. Like, what does that mean? Like, okay, so I, I groan deeply, and I weep, and I, and I tremble from does that mean, I've been delivered from

D Dave Leake 32:36  
this about this, this, because this is an experience that a friend of mine talked about recently, somebody begins to pray when they take authority in Jesus name over this thing, all of a sudden, you feel like, that's not that you couldn't resist this, but you feel like your body is being forced forward, and then you all of a sudden, like, throw up, and then it feels like somebody leaves you.

J Jeff Leake 33:00  
So throwing up, it's not demonic. Derek Prince then

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**D** Dave Leake 33:03

talks about Christians, that when he would cast something out, and he says, they seemed like they were definitely saved, this happened a lot. So

**J** Jeff Leake 33:12

why is throwing up a sign that a demon has come on why you can just be throwing up? Why can't it be? This was such a, it had such a grip on me that physically when I felt like I let this go, and I released it to God, I felt overwhelmed by that to such a degree that actually had a body relaxation, too. So there's a big difference between a vomit moment. Sure. And, and, okay, but like, Okay, so let's keep a person so a person has a physical or emotional reaction to being set free. Yeah, from something that there had been a struggle. They're like, Okay, I have no problem with that. Yeah, I don't think that's necessary to feel free. I know, I have experienced freedom from harassment in my life many, many, many, many times. And I've never thrown up Okay, so if I did, I wouldn't necessarily think I got delivered. Yeah.

**D** Dave Leake 34:03

But But let's, let's, let's just like, let's stick with this case. And then we'll go to a more extreme case. Sure. All right. So so this, in this case, it's like, this is an area of somebody's life that they had repented of, and were actively generally living in freedom from, like, it's a big focus, they had been reading, they've been praying this thing was not dominating them. They had renounced all sin in any kind of area like this, but they just still felt like it was like their, their, you know, their natural state, it kept the same kind of kept pulling back and they weren't giving in but they were just being tempted and whatever, more than they thought. It's like, this doesn't make any sense to me. And then it felt like after this moment, where again, this was not the renouncing of the sin that then has this manifestation of throwing up, it's not made him throw up. He this person felt like a spirit came out of her off of them. Felt like

**J** Jeff Leake 34:55

was someone praying for them? Yeah, yeah, that's what I'm saying. So it's an element So someone was standing in Santa Ana pray the demons off of you. And they,

**D** Dave Leake 35:04

they said they said maybe maybe part of the reason why you're having such trouble with something is because there's, you know, a demonic spirit that's demonizing you, let's take authority, and Jesus name, you know, I speak to any demon water, blah, blah, you know, come out do this name and this person felt like they were like sort of thrust that he said, like sound like I couldn't resist it, but I was like, thrust forward. And then I like as he said it, I felt like

something physically came off of me. I puked. And he said, like, it's been not even anywhere near that kind of a struggle since for about a month or so. So that's kind of what what sparked this book had been recommended before this.

**J** Jeff Leake 35:41

I still okay. That five no problem with that. Uh huh. So, so, okay, let me let me describe what my my issue is. And I think I have a strong pastoral concern. Okay, great. Okay. I desperately as a pastor want to teach people who I am leading in shepherding how to use their authority in Christ, yeah, not to become dependent upon others and feel like they have some kind of gift of deliverance. Yeah. And what I've seen abused in the past is that for people that need to learn how to stand up and use the name of Jesus for themselves and cast out demons for themselves, there almost is a teaching that comes with this, that there's the deliverers out there, they have sort of a special anointing for this, and then there's everybody else. And then if when we start to struggle with some compulsive sin, or some hurt of bitterness, that what we need is this superhero person to come in and cast the demons out of us. And so we're always looking for someone to deliver us from what we have rightful authority over. Yeah. And so I what I don't want to ever do is pray for someone who's a Christian, to be delivered from something, what I want to do is to teach them about their authority in Christ. instruct them how to repent of their sin, and then give them some prayers to pray in the name of Jesus so that they can learn how to exercise their own authority in Christ, rather than me having to execute it upon them. Sure. Because then what we do is we create a whole group of spiritual weaklings who are always always waiting for someone else to come in and do for them what they have every right to do for themselves. And so but could we as two friends be sitting together and you say to me, man, you know, I really feel like this thing has a grip on me and I've repented of it but would you just pray for me in Jesus name, that maybe in our agreement together there can be an extra level of free absolutely that in fact it says James chapter five is just about to go there. Right? Confess your sins to one another, pray for one another, you can be healed. But that's any other believer that's just not some super spiritual deliverance person? No

**D** Dave Leake 37:48

doubt no doubt. So but sometimes we actually do need to have other people pressure absolutely not that it has to be you or you. Or somebody or some

**J** Jeff Leake 37:56

Yeah, but there are teachers who want to create a dependency like it's a powerful place to be the deliverer. Yeah. And then you and then you're not equipping people to learn what it is that they are in Christ and have authority in his name. And then you also induce a fear like oh no, maybe there's a demon on me I need to call Joe deliverance guy and have him come in No, no, no, I don't want you to live in in fear. I want you to learn that God has not given you a spirit of fear right and power of love and have a sound mind when you feel under attack. Turn up the worship music and claim the name of Jesus and no doubt praise your way through it and get someone to agree with you. You don't have to be afraid of demons. Yeah, sure. Okay, but But yeah, could that ever happen? And Could someone puke as a result of it? Sure. Let's

**D** Dave Leake 38:43  
let's keep going. What I don't

**J** Jeff Leake 38:47  
think is that a Christian? Yeah, well all of a sudden have someone go My name is Legion and like I don't think that's gonna happen so to a Christian so this is this is what this is. There is not not unless that Christian is willfully going to give their vocal cords their voice to a demonic okay, and that would be to me the absolutely wrong direction to go Sure sure. What I was gonna say is pray in the Spirit don't give voice to the demon and I'm certainly not going to if you're a Christian, you call yourself a Christian I'm going to speak to the demon in you. I'm going to speak to the Jesus in you and I'm going to call the Holy Spirit out of you. I'm not going to call the demon to speak sure like that doesn't even make any sense okay, but and and I know a pet peeve of here Yeah, you are then Jesus rarely ever let demons talk. Sure. And so this is the other thing that comes with this demon hunter kind of thing like the deliverance people who is that they want. They want the drama of interplay with demonic forces. Sure. Okay.

**D** Dave Leake 39:45  
But we can't just assume that every everybody who's praying against demons has ulterior motives of feeling important or creating dependency because they want to power spot. I'm sure there are people out there Actually, you know, one of the things that was that surprised me was Derrick Prince is talking about, like, people that do personal prophecy that are often prophesying and have soullessness and that's true, too. Yeah. So there are always gonna be, there

**J** Jeff Leake 40:11  
was when I was a young man, teenager, Bible school, there was a, there was a book out that was to the extreme side of where Derek Prince is probably middle of the road, maybe slightly, a little bit more charismatic, and as the algae than I would be if there was a book called pigs in the parlor, which was a really big. So basically, this was a book that certain people were just looking for demons everywhere, and it became almost the theme of every service and sure it was, okay. So yes, it it can become a very bad practice and I am reacting, sort of pastorally protectively Sure, so that people don't fall prey to that.

**D** Dave Leake 40:52  
Well, I'm not I'm not even I'm not even trying to prescribe how we should act through this. But what I'm more saying is, okay, here's what I am saying, hey, what's the

**J** Jeff Leake 41:01

second story? So the first one was the guy threw up you

**D** Dave Leake 41:05

have somebody that I know. Yeah, what are you gonna tell me? The other one? The other guy that I know it was it was more mild, but they went to somebody kind of like Dave and Peggy Lindstrom, you know, whoever have a ministry,

**J** Jeff Leake 41:16

their ministries in deliverance, it's more inner healing, healing.

**D** Dave Leake 41:20

Yeah. But in the process of praying

**J** Jeff Leake 41:21

through it, they do an amazing job to shout out to Dave and Peggy. They're great. Yeah.

**D** Dave Leake 41:25

But this wasn't Dave and Peggy specifically but a similar kind of ministry. And as they were praying for him and one of the areas of his life that had been a struggle. He said he felt like all of a sudden he felt like to him he said like I didn't do this but my hands started like curling in like this. And then all of a sudden felt something like came out of me and he was like and then I had freedom in this area and

**J** Jeff Leake 41:47

so again, I got how a person describes the emotional and physical reaction they have to feeling freedom in some area that

**D** Dave Leake 41:57

but you're basically saying this is a psychological thing that like that's not a demon really. That's probably more just the fact that you're experiencing freedom. Yeah, then it's a struggle.

**J** Jeff Leake 42:08

Why would we think that a physical or emotional reaction is is a demon coming out? Like the same way that we would say there's there's no technical demon possession that it's



demonization. Why do we then have to make it coming out? Like why can't it just be I experienced like I got prayed for a man freedom happened in that and when that happened, I felt like man I could feel it physically the change like okay all right I got no problem with that let's let's just add is very very different than the pre Christian demon possession. Sure, we're a person there Isles rollback back into their head. They're flailing about their the demon is using their voice to speak. They no longer you know, Johanna says about this one guy that was demon possessed for so long that when a covenant was made with evil, and the devil came into his life and took over a demon came, that he lost his sense of who he was or where he was for, like 10 years. And when he finally got set free, he was like, where am I? Yeah, he didn't even remember the last decade. Yeah. Okay, that that's a level can a Christian experience that No, no, right. Okay, so I agree with you. So we're talking about man, I felt free all of a sudden, and it felt physically like something left me. Okay.

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Dave Leake 43:26

So here's where here's where Derek Prince goes, that it because it's a level that I don't think you'll be comfortable with. But this is where he goes, he says, I've seen and he described tons of stories of someone who's Christian, who even afterwards that they're not like I really was never saved actually realized I'd never made this choice. They're like, No, I had, professionally This is Lord and I had been trying to send in my life. But then he describes the manifesting in a way that you would see not flailing nests, as some of them may be but he'd like of them talking through their vocal cords, and have him casting them out. And then the person being different after. And the crazy thing is, it's the only fringe wild part that you would see with someone like Derek Prince, as far as I'm because it his exegesis of his I used to big word is, is breaking down of the original language of the Bible to extract the meaning of what the Word of God says is very solid. But then he describes in his experience, these things happened.

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Jeff Leake 44:26

And this is where you will never find in the New Testament and experience with Jesus or in the book of Acts. Sure, where someone who's already was a Christian was disciplined that way, sure. But

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Dave Leake 44:40

we don't have anything that that didn't happen, but it doesn't we don't have a specific example. But you would think

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Jeff Leake 44:45

that this is the predominant view of how we should respond when a person's got a serious stronghold. That that would have an example somewhere in the Bible, at least taught in the Epistles or in the book of Acts or in the ministry of Jesus. Everyone delivered in that way. Yeah. We're talking about was always pre Christian, pre and the

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Dave Leake 45:05

new covenant that we know about

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Jeff Leake 45:07

Sure. And they were probably Paul's writings or any James or anything else you always have, like, okay, James says, Submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. It doesn't say anything. You don't ever get examples of that. Yeah, we're never can ever really teach that exit, do use the word again. exogenic. You can't take take it and say and here's what you should do. When you're in a Christian is struggling and they can't seem to get free. You should. This is what you'd expect. You say, Well, this is Derek Prince's experience it is okay. I'm not actually going to say that it's not possible. I'm just saying I don't think that's the New Testament pattern of how we should be teaching people freedom. Sure. Okay. I actually think that the New Testament pattern of teaching people freedom is about taking the truth of the Word of God, and the person of the power and power of the Holy Spirit and leaning into both of those. And when you do effectively, you repent, you agree with the truth of the Scripture, and you give room and place for the Holy Spirit to work in your life, you will be set free, you might have to make some choices to let go of some things and repent of some stuff, but the process of repentance because now what we're talking about Davis, more sanctification than deliverance. But

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Dave Leake 46:22

it can be paired though. This is what I'm saying, I think to make it a dichotomy. So sometimes I'll say this, sometimes I've thought that because this is not a sanctification issue in my life. You know, it'll be late at night, and all of a sudden, I have this intense bout of fear, not over anything specific. Like, I could tell you stories of like, where I'd be in a car. I'm not thinking about anything. I've not watched any scary movies or read scary stories, or there's nothing triggering me. And then all of a sudden, it's like, the hair in the back of my neck will stand up. Yeah. And I do that too. So either, it could just

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Jeff Leake 46:56

so what I would if you would call me up, I wouldn't say come over. So I can cast the demon out. I would say, let me give you some scripture safe. Yeah, crank up some worship music. I want you to remember who you are in Christ, I want you to understand that you have authority over every demonic power. Now, lift your voice declare who Jesus is. And you'll break that fear. Sure. So it's it's the pathway? It's the pattern? I don't, I don't. So I actually think that you could suggest to a Christian, that maybe they have a demon in them, and they could start to talk as if they were the demon. I'm not saying that's what happened to happening. I'm suspicious. I'm suspicious of that.

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Dave Leake 47:37

So can I we still got time? Can I can I I'm gonna I'm gonna throw more more cases out. I was doina some of this before the show. but I'm gonna I'm gonna throw more thinas at you.

Because I think so the strongest thing that's keeping me from saying this is definitely true, is the fact that I don't think there's a positive case for this to say, do this in Scripture. Like, I don't think we but at the same time, at the same time, they will

J Jeff Leake 48:03

just say like, Okay, well, you teach it,

D Dave Leake 48:06

you gotta let me finish this. But the Bible doesn't actually teach that this. So it doesn't say Christians can't be possessed by a demon. Right? There's no verse that actually says that. And there's no verse that actually even implies that it might well, but house divided

J Jeff Leake 48:20

itself, it divided against itself cannot stand a little bit of that.

D Dave Leake 48:26

But it's but isn't it implied that you can't cast out a demon by a demon? That's the whole point. Yeah.

J Jeff Leake 48:32

But okay, if the house because Jesus uses the word house, and then he says, If a strong man owns a house, and he's kicked out, he wants to come back. Okay, that's actually talking about a person's body. Yeah. So house divided. What does that mean? What does that mean? that two people can own the same house. But yeah,

D Dave Leake 48:49

but it's the idea of that will tear each other side. If they're divided, they don't have anything to stay in

J Jeff Leake 48:57

that particular moment, he's talking about Beelzebub and demons can't cast out demons.

D Dave Leake 49:02

So he eligible to cast out a demon. It's to the same side of warring

to be eligible to cast out a demon. It's to the same side of warning.

**J** Jeff Leake 49:05

It isn't directly said their day, but I've always used that one too. It is really seriously implied. I think you could look at that. And you could make what is that? Luke 11. Again, I think you can make a case that it's, it's, it's implied, because of the strong implications of that passage. Sure. To to all of a sudden make a doctrine about Christians need to be life. I totally agree. I totally teach it as a practice, I think is when especially when there's no other biblical examples of it. Now, you're into a space where you're actually forming a theology and a practice based upon well,

**D** Dave Leake 49:42

okay, let me let me let me make a full case real quick for it, and then you can you can respond, okay. All right. Here's the here's the full case. So for one, I know you're saying pre Christian, but it's not pre Christians pre New Covenant, but there are there are lots of examples of people that probably were devout Jews. That would have been a part of the Old Covenant, but they were a covenant people of God, the

**J** Jeff Leake 50:02

Holy Spirit hadn't been given yet. Agreed, agreed. That's what major but Jesus

**D** Dave Leake 50:06

is talking about what's happening in pre covenant terms still, he's not just talking about what happened in the future, even with Beelzebub in Luke 11. That's still pre New Covenant. But so there were people of God that were possessed by demons, that it's pretty clear happened in the gospels, that it's not really explicitly stated. And, you know, post that like an X, okay, well, we'll start there. Then the second thing I'll say is like, so one of the traditional ways of interpreting truth, in general, that's like a historical way to do what is called called the Wesleyan quadrilateral where you take these four different lenses, it would be Scripture as the biggest one. They always throw church history, reason and experience and through those four different things, logic, experience, church history, the Bible, we can try to interpret truth. There is this weird zone of where experience actually does play a part in how we understand truth. So like, Ooh,

**J** Jeff Leake 51:02

you're in really? So but I think they have to be taken in a particular order.

**D** Dave Leake 51:06

Scripture is by far the top. Okav. Yeah. experience is by far the bottom. Okav. experience. they

say reason church history are in a similar tier. And then at the bottom, you have experience. Okay, so every time scripture, Trump's experience, but in this case, I'm saying I think that Scripture is not abundantly clear on this issue. Okay. I think it's a little bit mysterious. Now. Now, then, here's what I was going. Okay. From our experience, you've seen this too, like, when some so let's let's talk about like a mushroom in Africa, I would just was there in the Democratic Republic of Congo in August, a frequent thing that happens, in fact, this is usually what happens is somebody begins to manifest a demon, and they're brought into a tent. And then you know, they are manifesting. And in that process, they decide to give their life to Jesus, and they pray salvation prayer, in fact, often it's the salvation prayer, they prayed in the crowd that actually causes them to manifest. So they've either already prayed it, or they pray as we're there with them. And then we're sending out the demons and then eventually, they get filled by the Holy Spirit. And then all the demons are gone. By that point, when they begin to pray in their prayer language. It's like there's no more demons left. But even vices

**J** Jeff Leake 52:21

this would describe the process of the violent overtaking a person who has been housing demonic spirits, who have now confessed Jesus, of those spirits being evacuated, because often it's that the moment they say, Jesus, come into my life, be my savior at that moment, The Spirits Within them violently react. And sometimes it takes several hours before they're gone. And there is a transformation that happens.

**D** Dave Leake 52:48

Yeah. And then and then when they get filled of the Holy Spirit, then it's if they really are

**J** Jeff Leake 52:52

walking with Jesus, I wouldn't expect that same thing to happen two years later. Sure, to the same person. Yeah, I

**D** Dave Leake 52:59

wouldn't either. But I guess I'm just saying at this point, all I'm saying is, they were there is a point when they're saved, and they've brought demons from pre salvation into their life. And even though they're actually now possessed by God, they're owned by him. They're still demonized, and they're in the process of gaining freedom. And up until now, I maybe I still do believe this. This is where I'm a little gray, I would have said that the Holy Spirit being in them is what permanently kicks them out. And now they can't be inhabited at all by anything but the Holy Spirit. I guess what I'm questioning is, is what we would have described demon oppression where you have a stronghold in your life and you have an area now that now that a demon can plague you and torment you by could that just be a different form of demonization? Well, but where something needs to be said in

**J** Jeff Leake 53:40

**J** Jeff Leake 55:49

that instance, though, and forgive us for going a little long on this particular podcast, but even an instance the pathway to a person being completely free who has prayed the salvation prayer is to make the demons stop talking to bring the person that that you're that you're dealing with back into consciousness because sometimes they're unaware to have them personally verbalize Yes yes. That they are a follower of Jesus and and personally verbalize that they don't want this demonic force them and their renouncing

**D** Dave Leake 54:20

better.

**J** Jeff Leake 54:21

They do. Yeah. Okay. What I would say to you is that is the same pathway forward for anyone dealing with some kind of deal today, I agree is that you don't deal with the demon you look at them and you say, here's what the truth of God is. Here's who the Holy Spirit is. Now you verbalize I want you to take this I want you to take authority over this because the will of the person has to be involved but then you

**D** Dave Leake 54:44

still send the demon out in this case you do you do but

**J** Jeff Leake 54:47

it's both right to the demon leaving is not actually us saying to the demon to leave sure it's them saying yes, I surrendered to Jesus. Yes.

**D** Dave Leake 54:56

And probably there actually could be a case where once there let's say let's say it's, let's say it's witchcraft. And they were announced and they repent of witchcraft. If they're saved at that point, they probably I think that there's a case to be made that they could probably say, come out of me. Yeah. And then it would have to listen. So

**J** Jeff Leake 55:14

this is what my point is, yeah. There, when you come to Christ, not only do you get saved and inhabited by the Holy Spirit, but you gain, you are now seated with Christ in the heavenly realms, and you anchor outrank every demonic force. Yeah. And if you are truly taught your authority, and Jesus, yeah, anytime you feel like you're under spiritual attack, I say to do what Ephesians six says, take your stand against the devil schemes, put on the armor of God, rise up, rebuke the devil for yourself, he'll flee from you what I want to do, because here's my

experience, Dave, and I lived through the era of pigs in the parlor in the 1980s, and 90s. And this overemphasis on Every Christian Needs to be delivered from something and here was my experience. The Christians who were delivered from things were always being delivered from things. They never got strong. I had some teenage friends of mine who went through multiple deliverances, so to speak, yeah, they never became warriors. They never became bold and confident they never, they were always wanting that next experience to go through what I'm what I'm really interested in is raising people who know who they are and Jesus and have authority and don't feel that they have to be a dependent. Yeah. To be free. Yeah. And however, if we're gonna say, could a person be ministered to this way? I guess, yeah. I just think it's inferior to the teachings of the New Testament. So my, my strong conviction is to empower people and to equip them, to know who they are in Christ and to use the truth of God to be set free. But clearly, if you're, if you're, if you're messing around with stuff that you know, is wrong, if you're giving into bitterness, if you're, you know, living in an addictive pattern, the grip on you isn't just your fleshly desires, right? It's demonic harassment. That's subliminal. Yeah, exactly. And you need to repent of it. Surrender yourself to God, maybe you need to confess it to a friend who will agree with you in prayer, you might vomit up your freedom. That's okay. Yeah. But you also need to finally know who you are and Jesus, and walk in confidence and boldness and in the authority you've been given in Christ, and not become a spiritual dependent. But yeah, I guess we're not that far away in terms of the experiential dimension of things. I just don't think we have to make a production out of it.

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Dave Leake 57:40

I agree with you. Here's, here's my takeaway, though. This is where I think there is usefulness in it. I think praying against any. So when you're announcing a stronghold? Yeah, I think praying against anything of the devil that would also be on your life sure to renounce any demonic attack. Yeah. You know, get off of me in the name of Jesus, I actually think that's biblical. You're taking your stand against the devil schemes, you're equipping yourself with the armor of God. So if here's where I think it's limited, I have traditionally thought of sin as purely a sanctification issue. But it's actually clearly not purely a sanctified, meaning. It's purely it's not just only your flesh, there actually is an enemy of your soul that I often and I would say that we charge has underestimated and maybe ignored. I agree with that. So I think that there is some help and like, even we're doing breakthrough, yeah, we were announced this and then I want you to send whatever the devil has against you away. We're gonna rebuke it, we're binding it. We're taking our stand against the enemy schemes, not just our sin pattern, but also what the devil

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Jeff Leake 58:44

is honest, like, Dave, just like what you described, happened at the door side. And what happens often in moments within our experience, like sacred assembly, sometimes, you can enter a spiritually charged environment where everyone is aggressively worshipping, and whatever's on you might just leave there to stay true. And so So I think all of that's possible. Now, we covered a bunch of different materials. Let's just recap some don't read pigs in the parlor. That's a horrible book. There's two books that we didn't mention here, both written by Neil Anderson victory over the darkness and bondage breaker, probably more the perspective I would come from when it comes to this particular issue. Sure. The one that you talked about from

**D** Dave Leake 59:27

Derek Prince is called they shall expel demons. Okay. I've read that book. I

**J** Jeff Leake 59:31

think it's a really good book, even though I have some disagreements on the application in practice, they're sure and then the last one you mentioned by John Mark Comer was called Live no lives live no lies. Yeah. So if you're a reader, and you want to check out some of this, that might be able to give you more information to consider. John had combers

**D** Dave Leake 59:48

read it's really easy and it's not even so much on it's not charismatic at all. He doesn't talk at all about authority or it's more just take take thoughts captive. Yeah, because sometimes they're demonic in nature, but regarding less, you know, I think like my takeaways from this maybe I don't know what yours are, we shouldn't be helpless Christians. But we maybe should take more notice the fact that sometimes we actually have to do spiritual war with things that are attacking us because it's your depression may not just be yours, or your fear or your rage, or whatever it might be. Sometimes there's like augmenting forces, the devil tries to throw throw at us through demons.

**J** Jeff Leake 1:00:28

And James 5:16 does say, confess your sins to one another, pray for one another that you might be healed. And if you feel stuck, or if you feel like something's got a grip on you, maybe you need to go to somebody who's a strong brother or sister in Christ, Pastor, leader, small group leader, and say, here's what I've been dealing with. Would you agree with me, for this to be broken in my life for freedom to come? And for whatever demonic influence in my life to be cast out? Yeah, yeah. So absolutely do that.

**D** Dave Leake 1:00:59

Why don't why don't we just end? Do you want to pray a prayer of a freedom and breakthrough for whatever areas people might be struggling with this? I think people might be listening like, well, there's this thing in my life. I really wish I get some freedom from this. All right, well, we got temporarily cut off. I thought we lost the episode. We did it. Yeah. So you were just it was a spiritual attack. Because I was getting me come out of that camera. Sometimes get ready to pray. Sometimes that camera does feel like it's kind of demon inside of it. But anyway, so we were just saying, Can you pray for somebody? And you are going to say,

**J** Jeff Leake 1:01:30

yeah, so So I don't think you can shortcut the James chapter five, verse 16, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another that you might be healed because there is something



very powerful about Confession. Or they say the the power of secrets in his in its privacy secrecy. Yeah. So as long as it's as long as it's hidden, it has a grip on you then that that maybe then the devil takes in additional grip on that. Okay, so find a small group leader, a friend, a spiritual person and say, This is what I've been dealing with. I want to be free from this. And then pray together over it. But yeah, let me pray for you. Now I just pray in Jesus name, whatever, hold whatever compulsion, whatever disposition is on you. That is not from the Lord. We just, we just bind up that thing. We rebuke it in the name of Jesus, and we thank you, Jesus, that your resurrection from the dead is more powerful than any spiritual force that we are now with you seated in the heavenly realms, and and we have the right to overcome every attack that stands against our life. So we, we say, May every attack of the enemy be removed. May every demonic force be expelled from your life. And may freedom be released to you in Jesus name. Amen.

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Amen. Amen. All right. Well, thanks for joining us again for this episode. As always, if you would like to help us out, we would love to ask for a small favor if you're on YouTube. And you can like and subscribe to this, that's helpful. You can either obviously share this episode with your friends or share it on social media. And then if you could consider leaving us a five star review on either Apple podcasts or Spotify. That would be helpful. Listen, if you've been listening for a long time, and you're like, I should get around to that. I would love to ask, could you do that today? It'd be so helpful, um, helps us to kind of climb the climb of the charts to become a little bit more public. So

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partly because there's also so many podcasts. Anyway, so we thank you once again for joining us. We'll catch you guys again. Wow, we'll catch you again next time.