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What if God Becomes My Enemy

by Pastor Tim Dilena, *Senior Pastor*

Every time I reach the end of the New Testament book of James and read these words, I feel a deep sense of soberness. In chapter 4, verse 6 (NLT), James writes, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." The phrase "God opposes" should make us tremble. When God becomes our adversary, it is a NO-WIN situation. No one can win that fight. I already struggle enough with being opposed by the devil; I can't imagine what it would be like to have God as my enemy. I need God on my side. I need Him on my team. I want God fighting for me, not against me.

Don't miss James' message. He is awakening our hearts to the serious sin of pride. Pride is what initiated hell and turned an angel of heaven into Satan. This terrible sin causes

God to become a fighter. C.S. Lewis said, "As long as you are proud, you cannot know God. A proud man always looks down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something above you." I believe God hates pride so much because it keeps people from Him.

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initiated hell and
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I want to walk humbly because I need God's grace daily. The revivalist Jonathan Edwards said, "Nothing sets a person so much out

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of the devil's reach as humility." This year, I want to be close to God and safely out of reach of the enemy.

Each new year, people pursue goals and New Year's resolutions. This year I want to challenge you to make humility a pursuit. That pursuit makes you a candidate for grace. Here are 3 phrases that help us in that pursuit. Memorize them and use them every day. They are "I am sorry", "Thank you" and "I need your help". They sound simple but they have a profound effect. Those words are usually found in the mouth of the humble because they are in their heart. To say "I am sorry" means I acknowledge that I have flaws and that I make mistakes. To say "Thank you" shows gratitude and attacks a spirit of entitlement. "I need your help" is a cry for wisdom that I don't have in myself. These are humility phrases. These help us in the pursuit.

Apologizing with phrases like "I am sorry" serves as a reflection of your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Such apologies help keep relationships fresh and vibrant, both with God and with others. Without them, your social circle may grow small as people start

making excuses for your behavior, saying, "That's just how they are." Those who rarely apologize often fill their lives with excuses. When you seek a deeper relationship with God, you'll find yourself apologizing more, as you become more aware of the things within yourself that need to be addressed. It's time to shed the façades and pretenses of perfection.

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When I say, "Thank you," it expresses a heart full of gratitude. Grateful people are joyful people; they celebrate their blessings rather than feeling entitled to them.

Gratitude can be shown through a "thank you" card, a text message, or a one-on-one conversation focused on appreciation. When someone encourages you, say "thank you." When someone gives you a gift, say "thank you." Expressing gratitude invites joy into your life.

Finally, saying "I need your help" is a refusal to walk alone. It invites the wisdom I need to move forward in my situation. Isolated individuals often feel stuck. This request for assistance can relate to various areas, such as personal budgets, marriage, spiritual life, education, or parenting. These individuals don't just play golf with their peers; they seek coffee with experienced mentors for guidance. Who do you plan to have coffee with this month? Who will you ask, "I need your help"?

"I am sorry," "Thank you," and "I need your help" are three expressions of humility that remind us of the grace we all need each day, especially in this new year. While many are striving to become someone, I challenge you to aim for being nothing. Why? The reformer, Martin Luther, said it best: "God created the world out of nothing; so as long as we are nothing, He can make something out of us."

Turning Trials into a Walking Miracle

My name is Lucas. My wife and I serve in the youth and young adults ministry here at TSC. I've been blessed to grow up in this church. I was dedicated on this stage at six months old, and I'm grateful for the upbringing and the example that's been set by my parents for my three siblings and me. It is a testament to God's faithfulness.

For a time, despite my upbringing, I strayed from the Lord. It was a combination of the challenges of going into high school, family trials, and the enticements of the world. Although I veered away, God had His hand over my life, and He kept me from going too far.

In 2018, I decided that I wanted to know Jesus for myself and develop a relationship with Him. So, I accepted an invitation from my sister, and I started attending a local church in New Jersey. I ended up joining the youth ministry as a youth leader. Little did I know that the first person I met at the church would become my wife.

God did so many amazing things over the next couple of years. In 2021 my wife and I got married and we moved across the country to California where I accepted a job. This season was extremely joyful and interesting. We went through so many learning curves and surprises, the biggest of which was getting pregnant in our first year of marriage!

We were filled with a lot of excitement as we prepared for the birth of our baby, and we grew closer to each other and to God. Six months



into the pregnancy everything changed for us. We thought my wife had miscarried, and I rushed her to the emergency room. In the emergency room, we found out that the baby still had a heartbeat—thank God—but my wife was going into preterm labor.

She was only 25 weeks pregnant, and what the doctor told us shook us! The doctor told us that our son was likely going to deal with many challenges for the rest of his life. I remember that we cried, and we prayed. We knew that we wanted the baby's first name to be Jude, but we weren't sure about his middle name. Earlier that day, my wife had read from the book of Amos. When she looked up the meaning, it meant "carried by God." So that night we declared that his name would be Jude Amos because whatever he was about to go through was only going to be possible with God carrying him through.

That began the rollercoaster of the next couple of months. A few days later we found out our baby had a brain bleed. Doctors grade these types of bleeds from one to four, with one being the least and four being the worst. He had a four on one side and a two on the other. The idea of losing the son I had envisioned and dreamed of shook me to my core. We prayed even more fervently for a reversal of everything that was being declared that could happen to our son.

I just want to say that I'm so grateful to be a part of a church that still puts prayer at the forefront and believes in the power of miracles. It's without exaggeration when I say that the entire TSC church family was praying: from the pastors, to the leadership, to the elders, to the congregation, to the volunteers. We were receiving videos, T-shirts, letters, and constant prayers for our son.

About a month later we got the news that the brain bleed was not resolving or stabilizing, and they were going to need to potentially do surgical intervention. Given his size and age, it was going to be risky. On Good Friday, 2022, he underwent various tests and scans. They said we would have the results sometime during the weekend. That felt like the longest weekend of my life. On Sunday, Easter Sunday, the doctor called us. My heart was pounding out of my chest. (continued on back page)

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"I have good news," the doctor told us, "Not only has your son's brain bleed stabilized, but it's begun to resolve on both sides!"

Two months later—after more ups and downs—we finally brought him home in June.

But after God completed one of the biggest miracles I may ever see in my life, I was faced with another challenge. I was set to take my family and move again to a new city and a new state for my job. And God asked me not to go. He asked me to stay in New Jersey while we were visiting our family. I asked Him to give me two signs—He gave me three.

After those three signs, I told Him, "Okay, God, I will, but first I'm going to do this, and I promise I'll come back."

In short, over the next six months, God wrecked everything that I thought I could do in my own strength and without Him. I reflected on a message that Pastor Tim preached about the spaghetti path that the Israelites had versus the straight path. And I had always said, that would never have been me, I would easily have gotten there in five days. I would've run and then I would've had milk and honey in each hand. I would've been good. But I realized without a heart surrendered to God, that I was just the same. Having a heart completely surrendered to Him is different than just having a relationship or doing the church thing.

So, He brought us right back to New Jersey six months later. And what I've realized over the last couple of years is that God is not this angry God sitting on a throne waiting to throw a lightning bolt at you whenever you mess up. He's kind and He's gentle and He cares. There's so much more that He can do with your life than you can do on your own. And whether you are looking for that miracle or you're coming back to God,



He's waiting for you to come back. If you've never known Him, He loves you just the same, and He wants to pull you out from where you are.

We were told that the first two years of our son's life would be the most critical to see what his development looked like and what conditions he might have. On March 19 of this year, Jude Amos turned two, and he's not had one delay, not one condition, not one setback. He's hit every milestone on time. He plays his little guitar, and he sings, and his favorite line to sing is "All my life, You have been faithful. All my life, You have been so, so good." He's our little walking miracle of what God can do, and He can do the same for you!

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At the end of this one-year journey, students will earn 30 transferable credits that can be applied to a growing list of partner colleges. It's a perfect next step whether students want to continue their education or step into ministry opportunities.

Why Choose Summit's One-Year Option?

Whether fresh out of high school, taking a gap year, or seeking a spiritual reset, the one-year option offers a life-changing experience for anyone passionate about knowing and serving Christ.

Applications are open now for both our one-year and two-year programs. Get your application started at summitpa.org.

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A Reflection on the Power of Love and Compassion in Ministry

In the heart of Pune, India, a city known for its vibrant culture and dynamic growth, lies a stark and often overlooked reality—the red light district. Here, countless children are born into environments shaped by exploitation and despair. These children frequently face a future that mirrors the hardships of their mothers, trapped in cycles of abuse and poverty. However, amidst this challenging landscape, Asha in the Red Light has emerged as a lighthouse of hope and transformation.

For over 18 years, Asha in the Red Light, a ministry born out of the heart of Glenda Hampton, a TSC member, has worked tirelessly to rewrite the narratives of these vulnerable children. The ministry's homes for boys and girls provide more than just shelter; they offer a sanctuary filled with love, stability, and opportunity. These homes serve as a lifeline, giving children the chance to break free from their circumstances and aspire to a brighter future.

Breaking Cycles Through Education

Education is at the core of Asha in the Red Light's mission. It is a crucial tool for empowerment and change. For many of these children, attending school is a life-changing experience. It not only opens doors to a world beyond the confines of the red light district, but also provides them with the skills and knowledge needed to carve out a different path for their lives.

Within the safe walls of Asha's homes, children are encouraged to discover their talents and develop their potential. The ministry integrates Christian values into its programs, instilling dignity, purpose, and hope in each child.

The Power of Compassionate Community

Asha in the Red Light's success is rooted in the dedication of its team

and the broader community that supports its efforts. Volunteers, donors, and partners are essential in ensuring the ministry can continue its impactful work. Times Square Church, a vital partner, has played a significant role in offering financial support and spiritual encouragement, enabling the ministry to broaden its impact.

The homes operated by Asha in the Red Light area are not just safe havens; they are nurturing environments where children can experience the love and care they rightfully deserve. The focus is on building a strong foundation of trust and belonging, helping these children heal from past traumas and envision a hopeful future.

A Model of Resilience

The work of Asha in the Red Light is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the transformative power of compassion. Through its unwavering commitment, this ministry has not only changed individual lives but also challenged societal norms that perpetuate cycles of exploitation.

The stories of these children serve as powerful reminders that love and compassion can overcome even the most entrenched struggles. Asha in the Red Light continues to shine its light in the darkness, demonstrating that every child deserves a chance to thrive.

This narrative is a call to action to support initiatives like Asha in the Red Light. Together, we can ensure that vulnerable children—regardless of their circumstances—have the opportunity to rewrite their stories with hope and dignity.

Asha in the Red Light's work reminds us that even in the darkest places, the light of compassion can bring about profound transformation.



Looking Back, Moving Forward

*As we look back on stories of
God moving through our lives,
we can move forward with
encouragement and anticipation
of what He will do next.*

by Anna Ivanishchuk

SEAMUS' STORY

Seamus was a practicing Catholic but had no framework for salvation outside of Catholicism. He did all the devotionals, confession, prayer, and fasting, but Seamus felt something was missing.

He suffered from bitterness, confusion, and anger that was worsening. Drinking, music, and many other things were idols for him. Just before Covid, the Lord started opening his eyes. The words of the song “Amazing Grace” took on new meaning, and he began reading the Bible regularly!

He found Times Square Church through listening to some of the sermons of Pastor Carter Conlon.

Seamus says, “Many times, the Lord gave me a word from the Bible that would be confirmed miraculously that same week, day, or even hour in something from a sermon from Pastor Conlon.”

He found the Worldwide Prayer Meeting at Summit and began to pray online with his church family. At first, it seemed so strange. He recalls feeling like a fish out of water. But as time went on, it became the focus of his week. He also joined a connect group and began praying regularly with a wonderful group of believers. Seamus says he doesn't really have a physical home church, so his fellowship has come through this prayer meeting.

Seamus writes, “I praise God for his goodness to me and thank him for the ministry of TSC. I pray it may be a blessing to many others.”

To read more stories like Seamus' or to submit a testimony of your own, go to **tsc.nyc/stories**.

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