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Dear,

There is a hilarious scene in "Adventures in Babysitting" when the babysitter's myopic friend (whose glasses are broken) picks up a furry animal in the city's bus station as a comfort during their distress. A janitor walks up and says to her, "Lady, drop that animal so I can kill it!" The girl freaks out: "Why would you want to kill my precious little kitten?" To which he replies, "Because it's a sewer rat!"

What have you been holding on to that you need to recognize and reject so the Lord can help you replace it with heavenly comfort? **Recognizing what we need to reject** is key to initial deliverance; replacing it with the right thing is the key to lasting freedom.

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Steve

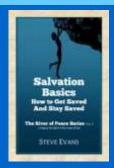
Recognize and Replace!

Out with the old (man); in with the New...

Please grasp this truth: The hidden and often unrecognized purpose of temptation is to "draw us away" from our place of surrender and union with Christ (James 1:14). Since our salvation--in all of its forms--comes to us by grace through faith the center point of the enemy's attack quite naturally is to disconnect us from trusting in and



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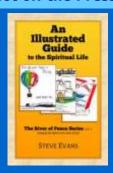


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relying upon our God and His grace.

As soon as a potential disconnect starts to happen, we begin to lose the peace of Christ which is meant to rule in our hearts at all times. This loss of peace is the Holy Spirit "throwing a flag on the play," alerting us that we are being drawn in the wrong direction. Noticing the loss of peace--and understanding what it means--gives us a choice: We can choose life by seeking to reconnect with our Tree of Life (Jesus) or we can choose "death" by continuing to let the temptation gain ground within us (Deut. 30:19).

Every fresh challenge or temptation, therefore, presents us with daily opportunities to grow spiritually into Christ or to fall back in reliance upon **Self--our old nemesis and former god.**Remembering this, recognizing the opportunity and taking advantage of it means that we need some principle of simplicity by which to ingrain the new ways.

You have an enemy actively "seeking whom he may devour"--always wanting to separate you from your God and His ways **by breaking the trust connection** or detouring your path of obedience. **You have to be ready to reconnect** with the Lord whenever you start losing the peace and confidence He gives you.

Here is an example of a typical episode: The peace of Christ is given to you as you surrender, trust and follow Jesus. So now you feel confident in God and are flowing in the river of peace, flowing in the river of peace, flowing in the river of peace. But wait: A challenge just came to the flow! Interruption of peace! Alert! Battle stations!

Something has come up in you or come down on you so that **your peace is gone**. You have to deal with it or you will run from it or give in to it. It's time to fight your way through it by fighting down something in you that wants to throw your Christian attitude overboard. But you don't feel confident about your ability to handle it. What are you going to do? Don't be passive! The enemy will use that to drag you down further. **You are under attack: ACT! fast to reconnect.**

A.C.T.! Fast to Reconnect

Don't over think it; just do it...

A) Admit: Admit right up front that you can't handle it. That's why you feel weak and want to run, or hurt and want to lash out. Alone you are powerless to get the victories you need. The devil knows it. God knows it. So admit that you really do need God to be helping you right now, with this situation, with your feelings, with your



attitudes and desires--so that His peace can be restored to you.



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Joyce fought Lupus and and abuse and won.

Admit to yourself that you can't fix the problem or the person you are dealing with, you certainly can't fix you, but Jesus can fix anything!

- **C) Call:** *Call on Him!* What are you waiting for? All who call on the Name of the Lord will be saved.[i] So start praying like your life depends upon it! Call for help, confess your need, come clean about your sin and cast that care on Him. You need His help right now, so ask, seek and knock. He wants to help you! He is eager to help you! But you have to ask Him in--it is a free will issue. Has your sense of failure or moral weakness got you feeling condemned, unworthy? Don't hold back. Go boldly to His throne of grace anyway.[ii] That's exactly what He wants you to do--to get the mercy you need and His grace to help right now.
- T) Trust: Trust yourself to God by laying hold of some lifesaving promise that offers you help and hope for this situation. Hold on tight to the truth of the promise. All kinds of good things are promised to you, but you have to learn how to hold on to the truth of the promises when you are under attack. You are separated from His peace and from seeing the way through, which is why you have to learn to live in the meantime by relying on His promises. Grab one or both of these: "I will never leave you or forsake you;" "No weapon formed against you will prosper." Put it in first person: "All things are being made to work for my good;" "Not even this can separate me from my Father's love." Bet your life on it! Our new life is lived out in this Land of Promises!
- A.C.T.) Act: Put steps A, C, T together and act. Don't be passive--this is war! Obey whatever it is that you honestly believe the Lord wants you to do. Sometimes it is just "be still and wait." At other times it may be "deny yourself and take up this cross" (do the very thing you don't want to do). Or it may be something easy or unexpected that the Spirit will show you. Stay open, but be ready to act as soon as that idea takes shape. Learning to obey Jesus is the new way of life that leads to fullness of joy. Step out in His direction!
- !) Rejoice: Begin thanking Him even before you see His action coming your way. Thank Him that His promises are true. Thank Him that He is teaching you to trust His promises. Thank Him that you can come so quickly to His throne of grace, that He reminded you to call on His Name and helped you to do it. Thank Him and praise Him that what the enemy meant for evil (in seeking to disconnect you from God and His peace), He is now using (through your ACT-ions) to reconnect you.

Now peace is restored! The peace of Christ is given to you as you surrender, trust and follow Jesus. Once again you are flowing in the river of peace, flowing in the river of peace, flowing in the river of peace. But wait: A challenge just came up! **Here we go again...**

- [i] Romans 10:13
- [ii] Hebrews 4:16

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For Those Deeper Issues

Getting at the tough stains from the past..

It's not always that "easy." There may be a further problem, if the disconnect is happening in an area of your life where you have never experienced much of a "reconnect." If you have never yet known the peace or the victory of Christ in that area of your life, then you may need a deeper work in order to get a breakthrough over the power of that stronghold. Perhaps multiple strongholds.



A.C.T.!-ing fast to reconnect is intended to give you quicker victories in the midst of normal life. This is a powerful way to achieve *mastery over your inner state* so that you can stay connected to Christ and keep the river flowing. But what if that particular river has never flowed properly for you? What if you need *recovery and restoration of your emotional state* in that area of your life, before you can practice mastery?

We have 8 steps to freedom that will help you return to walking in the light. These are posted at our website under "Steps to Freedom" in the download section. We even have a free eCourse for Emotional Healing that we heartily recommend. If you are stuck in a pattern and want to get free of it, you may need to break up what is now a harder work of repentance into these easier to understand steps. You may need to practice these steps very deliberately at first in order to get effective victories. As toddlers we all struggled to learn how to walk in the natural; these are spiritual "baby steps" which will help you walk in the Spirit in areas you have not yet mastered.

Restoration takes time and many individual moments of repentance. Give yourself grace and work through these steps little by little. Let God reveal to you what you need to deal with and let Him set the pace. **Be gentle on yourself.** Be a friend to yourself. **But be very courageous about facing the truth.** Being saved by God requires a love of the truth--over and above the love of Self (2 Thess. 2:10). Without total honesty, openness and transparency about your sins and stronghold areas, repentance is shallow at best.

Pressing in to the Kingdom is when you exercise faith to believe for freedom even under attack and keep pressing forward to trust and obey as fully as you can. No matter how bad things are, no matter how badly you may seem to be doing, no matter how bad you feel you always have a God who loves you, has covered you with mercy, is working all things for your good and who deeply desires you to reconnect with Him. **Return to Him first, refresh**

your heart with His love and mercy, and then receive the grace and strength to keep going.

Father, somehow I have lost the peace in this area of my life and can't seem to get it back. I need Your help! Forgive me and work with me to restore me to trust and obedience. I embrace what You have promised me in Your Word. Show me any steps I will need to take. Thank You for helping me learn to "guard my heart" and walk more closely with You.

From We to Thee Preparing for the Harvest...

From the pages of our new website **forerunners4Him.org** has come a new book:

Salvation Basics: How to Get Saved and Stay Saved.

This is also the book that the men at the Mission have helped me to write. It has been through working with them that I have gained far more clarity (I believe) into the deeper issues of how to stay saved. Hey, we all know that getting saved is easy--it is staying in the joy of His salvation (Ps 51) that is the tricky part. Check out a sample at <u>amazon</u>.

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Steve and Eunice

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Let's all jump in!

Sincerely,

Steve and Eunice Evans

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