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Demons, Seriously: Lessons About Demons

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
Ephesians 6:12

1. WE HAVE ENEMIES _____.

Our enemies are hostile liars — they are deceptive and malevolent.

The devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." Matthew 4:3

But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. 2 Cor. 11:14–15

"He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies."
John 8:44

²⁸ When Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gadarenes, two men who were possessed by demons met him. They came out of the tombs and were so violent that no one could go through that area.

²⁹ They began screaming at him, "Why are you interfering with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before God's appointed time?"

2. JESUS HAS _____ THE UNSEEN REALM.

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Matthew 28:18

³⁰ There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding in the distance. ³¹ So the demons begged, "If you cast us out, send us into that herd of pigs."

³² "All right, go!" Jesus commanded them. So the demons came out of the men and entered the pigs, and the whole herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

3. JESUS _____ EVERY POWER OPPOSED TO THE GOSPEL.

³³ The herdsmen fled to the nearby town, telling everyone what happened to the demon-possessed men. ³⁴ Then the entire town came out to meet Jesus, but they begged him to go away and leave them alone.

A. We can _____ we encounter.

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. 1 Peter 5:8-9

"But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also." Matthew 5:39

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. Ephesians 6:11

... when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ's authority for your benefit, so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes. 2 Cor. 2:10-11

B. We can work to _____ the hidden powers.

Whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Col. 3:17

C. We can _____ the afflicted.

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. ... We urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:11,14