

- 1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- Satan works two ways to defeat us and draw us away from God

#1 He uses lust

He lures us in to catch us with temptation either what we see or what we feel

 Lust is an inordinate desire to satisfy carnal appetites to connect to mere animal propensities

- James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

- 2Ti 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

- #2 He also uses pride
- Pride is a boastful pretentious behavior both positive and negative
- According to Pro 13:10 pride is the source of contention and pride is the opposite of wisdom
- Pro 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.
- Pride keeps us from owning the mission because we have convinced ourselves by our thinking how good we are or by our thinking of our lack of ability or unworthiness

1Ti 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil

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We know this battle is a spiritual one but we can be victorious

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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#### **Discipleship**

- This is the battle ground for growth in everyone
- To be discipled is the first of many preparations to prepare a believer in owning the mission
- Discipleship also includes doctrinal preparation and leadership development

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#### **Evangelism**

- This is the battle ground for the soul
- Psa 27:3-4 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. (4) One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

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#### **Missions**

- This is the spearhead of the three fronts for HBF
- This is the battle ground for gaining spiritual ground
- Missions is combat and missions is taking the war for souls of men to the enemy
- Mission protects the body and grows the church

# What is needed in the war for the souls

 Christians who will open the hearts for others to see and own the mission

 Christians who will actively do what it takes to make it possible for others to engage in one of the three fronts at HBF

# What is needed in the war for the souls

What part of the mission will you own

Will you teach on the Discipleship front?

will you reach out on the Evangelism front?

Will you support the Mission front?

Will you go to battle regardless of the size or intensity?

### Finding our place to occupy

Ex 3:1 – 4 Moses witnessed a burning bush that was not consumed

Psa 104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Ex 3:4 God calls Moses because Moses turned toward God

Exo 3:4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

## Finding our place to occupy

Ex 3:5 Then God tells Moses to remove his shoes

#### Stephen preached about this

• Act 7:33-34 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground. (34) I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

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• Vs 6 – 9: God tells Moses who he is and what he intends

## Finding our place to occupy

Vs 10: God calls Moses

Vs 11: Then Moses begins to voice his resistance

## Addressing your hesitation

Moses had 5 reasons he used to resist God's call

First excuse in Vs 11: Who am I to go before Pharoah

Second excuse in Vs 13 - 14: Moses acted as though he did not know how to identify who sent him and gave him authority to act

## Addressing your hesitation

Moses had 5 reasons he used to resist God

Third excuse in 4:1 They won't believe me

Fourth excuse Vs 4:10 Moses claimed to be limited in his vocabulary with a speech problem

### Addressing your hesitation

Moses had 5 reasons he used to resist God, do you have that many reasons or do you even have just one reason to resist?

Fifth excuse in Vs 4:13-14 Moses had no more excuses he just admitted he did not want to own this mission

