



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. The uninvited guest

Psalm 23:4 (NKJV) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

- We need “even though, I will” faith

B. The table for two

Psalm 23:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

II. DRESSED TO KILL

A. The enemy wants a seat at our table

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

- The devil will use every tool and medium to destroy you
 - We can't stop him from roaring – but we can keep him from sitting at our table

B. He wants a seat at the table in order to destroy you

John 10:10 (NKJV) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

- He's not all powerful, he's just noisy

C. God has a purpose too

1 John 3:8b (NIV) ... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 4:4 (TPT) Little children, *you can be certain that you belong to God and have conquered them, for the One who is living in you is far greater than the one who is in the world.*

D. We still have to stay alert

2 Corinthians 2:11 (NLT) so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

- It's hard to “resist” something that you think is normal



III. DON'T GIVE THE ENEMY A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE

- A. The enemy wants a seat at your table, and his chief weapon is a thought
- B. Don't let the enemy sit at your table
 - Everyone is against me
 - Comparisons
 - Doom and gloom

Psalm 77:19 (NLT) Your road led through the sea, your pathway through the mighty waters—a pathway no one knew was there!

- C. How can I withstand the attack?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV) ³For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

1 Peter 1:13 (NKJV) Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

- Gird up the loins of your mind
 - The loins are the center of pro-creative power