

The Spirit of Python

Exposing Satan's Plan To squeeze The Life Out Of You

Do you ever feel like the things you use to count on have changed?

- You read all the right **scriptures**,
- you say all the right **prayers**
- But your still **missing something spiritually!**
- **Like you have no power!**
- That might be your **first warning sign** that **your in a spiritual Battle!!!!**

Today I want to preach on **how to overcome the enemy's plan** to steal **the power** of the Holy Spirit **from us!**

I have a subject today that is a big thing on my heart and I want to share it today!

Because a lot of the time I believe **people are not realizing that we are in a spiritual battle!**

Have you ever felt **like you were just under attack?**

Have you ever felt like **all hell was breaking loose?**

You know the word **circumstance**, it comes from two different words!

- The first – **circum** which means to be **circled**
- Then **Stance** which means to **take a stance**

Sometimes it feels like **your standing** and all you see **circling around** you is **trouble and problems.**

That is one of the signs that your under Spiritual Attack!

The Apostle Paul said it in Ephesians 6:12:

We don't wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities and against powers, and against spiritual warfare.

That our natural eyes cannot see. Demons are real, Satan is real, the devil is real!

You know when Jesus in **Luke 4:31-37** walked into the synagogue to preach his first message.

- The bible said there was a man who was **possessed** with an **unclean spirit**.
- And the **spirit began to cry out** in the man.
- **Leave us alone!!!!**

I believe that is a tremendously powerful truth about Satan and his onslaught in our lives.

- He would rather **the church** just **leave him alone**
- I believe today, **spiritual leaders** are **steering away** from **spiritual warfare!**
- You know **I just don't want to** get into a **battle of warfare!**
- I don't want to be a **demon chaser**
- I don't want to put a **magnifier on Satan**
- I just want to **talk about Grace**
- Things **we can see** and **really deal with**

*****If we are not careful we begin to leave him alone!**

You know the Pharisees teaching, that man had been in that synagogue every time they had a lesson going on. **And he wasn't stirred up!**

- But **when Jesus came** and He started **teaching the Word**
- Under the anointing of the **Holy Spirit**
- **The Demon** in the man **began to cry out**
- **Leave me alone!**
- **Leave us alone!**

If were not careful and **we begin to just leave the enemy alone**

- He begins to **take more** and more
- More of **our Joy**
- More of **our liberty**
- He begins to **attack** our family
- Our children

We begin to try and **resolve spiritual problems** with a **natural mindset**

- We don't realize that were fighting against the **powers of Satan**
- **He is wanting to destroy** our family
- Our Marriages
- Our Children
- Our Lives
- Our Health
- Our Businesses
- Our dreams
- **He wants to choke them out and destroy our lives!!!!!!!!!!!!**

So God Has laid upon my heart this message **The Spirit Of Python!!!!**

God has given me many sermons on **spiritual warfare**

This burden came to me through a teaching I heard out of the book of **Acts 16**.

About a particular **evil spirit that is named**, it is the only time in the book of Acts when they **dealt with demon possession that,**

- The name of the demon was given
- Bible says there was a woman with the **spirit of python**
- **(divination in the KJV is translated Python)**
- That followed Paul and Silas around
- And they **cast the evil spirit out of her**
- And that whole **story is centered around** that **story of Python**

*****What is the Spirit of Python????????????????????????????????????**

You know the **first time we see Satan** we are introduced to him in the **form of a serpent in the book of Genesis**.

In the book of Revelation the last book of the Bible it calls **Satan that old serpent the devil**.

So when we see the serpent it is a type, it is a picture, **of the way Satan wants to operate in our lives.**

***Particularly the spirit of Python is a spirit that doesn't kill by its Venom.**

- It doesn't kill **by its bite!**
- **It destroys** its victims
- By **wrapping itself** around the victim
- By **squeezing** slowly
- **Tightly**, More and More
- It begins to **squeeze the breath out of its victim**

***You see Breath in the Bible represents the Spirit of God**, listen very carefully!

- **Breath in the Bible represents the Holy Spirit**
- Which is to be **active and alive** in our walk, our life, and in our families.
- The Bible says in **John 20** that **Jesus Breathed on them**
- And said, **receive the Holy Spirit**
- In the Book of **Acts 2** says when the **Holy Spirit filled** the Upper Room
- He came as a **mighty rushing wind**
- **Wind, Air, Breath, - Represents the Holy Spirit in the Bible!!!!**

***So the job of Python, the Evil Spirit!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

- Is to **choke** the anointing
- **Choke** the Spirit
- **Choke** the Presence of God Out of our lives.
- **Choke** the presence of God out of our Churches!

You know when a **Python begins to kill** its victim he doesn't necessarily **break its bones.**

- **He's after the breath**
- **The structure** can stay the same as long as there is **no breath**
- Sometimes our **church, our ministry, our own lives.**
- Can have the **outward appearance** of being alright

- But if there is **no Breath**
- If there is **no anointing**
- If there is **no presence of God and the Holy Spirit!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*****The Python begins to wrap himself around;**

- The Music Ministry in church he will **choke out the anointing**
- It just becomes **sound**
- **We are into talent** but **God is into Character**
- **It's just music** it's just sounding brass and tinkling symbols
- Because he don't care how **professional** and **good we sound**
- If there is **no anointing** on it
- **It's the anointing** that breaks the yoke
- **It's the anointing** of the Holy Spirit that sets the captives free
- **It's the anointing!!!!**

*****When Jesus showed up in Luke 4 and begin to **preach under the anointing** the **demon inside of one of the men** sitting inside of the temple **begin to cry out!****

- **Leave us Alone!**
- God is raising up ministries **that will expose the enemy**
- Who will **refuse to leave him alone!**
- He **doesn't** want me to tell you,
- If you will begin to **plea the blood of Jesus**
- **Pray in the name of Jesus**
- **Call the name of Jesus** powerful in your situation
- That **he can break Satan's strong hold**

The Bible says in Acts 16:16-18

As they **went to pray** in the temple, the woman with **the spirit of Python** began to confront them.

So the first thing we see about the **Spirit of Python**

- **He is a spirit that hates prayer**

1st The enemy wants to **choke your prayer life to death**

- He wants you to **worry about everything**
- And **pray about nothing**
- He constantly wants you to try and **solve your problem with the natural minds.**
- When the scripture says, **cast all your cares** upon the Lord
- Bring him all your **stress**
- Bring him all your **worry**
- Bring him all of your **fear**

*****But Python wants to choke the Spirit of Prayer out of your life!**

You see the greatest tragedy of prayerlessness

- **Is the unemployment of Angels**

When you don't pray the Spiritual battle that is going on in the unseen world **begins to turn in the enemies favor.**

That's why the Bible says:

- **When Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane**
- Then the Angel was sent
- **When Paul prayed in the middle of a storm**
- And an Angel showed up on the ship
- **When Peter prayed in a prison house or jail house**
- And an Angel came and opened the doors and Broke the Chains

My point to you is simply this, **When you don't' pray- Angels are unemployed!**

- The greatest **tragedy of prayerlessness** is the unemployment of angel's
- Because when you **pray**
- God gives angels their orders
- The spiritual battles in the heavenly
- **Begin to become armed** with the prayers of the saints

- People begin to **bind the devil**
- Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven
- Whatever you loose on earth is loosed

I want to awaken you today that it is not by might or power **BUT, it is by my spirit sayeth the Lord**

- The enemy wants to **choke out of your agenda**
- **It's not just natural things** keeping you from prayer; like I'm busy or I got to do this or do that.

***It's a Spirit called PYTHON**

- That wants to **choke prayer time** out of your life
- Because **the enemy knows if you don't pray**;
- **It's like you're not breathing**
- **When you read the Bible** your **breathing in the life** of God
- **When you pray** your **breathing out the life** of God

You know nobody can just **breath in** and not **breath out**.

You half to do both to stay alive.

Well reading the Bible is breathing in the life of God and prayer is breathing out

- Father in the name of Jesus I come too you ECT..

****Something else about the spirit of Python**

- It's not only a Spirit that begins to choke out your prayer life
- Defeat you
- Still the anointing
- Choke the life, the breath, the presence of God out of your life

Some of you it feels like you're just surrounded and the enemy is very slowly choking the life out of you!

- Out of your marriage

- Out of your home
- **The presence of God** and the **sense of peace** and **joy** and **righteousness**
- **The joy of the Lord** has been choked out of your life
- **You need to feel His presence again!!!!!!**
- **You need the Power of Python Broken off of your life**

So one of the things the enemy does when Python begins to get a grip on you

- **He begins to just choke prayer out of your life**

Secondly he will try to **constrict**

You know a python's grip just gets tighter and tighter,

So where Paul and Silas were going in this story, they were headed out on their **first missionary journey**.

This is interesting to me. **They had never gone to a foreign country**

- That's when all of a sudden – **the Spirit of Python shows up!**
- So when you are **trying to break out**
- When you are trying **to go further**
- When you are trying to go **into new territory**
- Starting a **new business**
- Launching a **dream**
- Starting a **new ministry**
- Going into **new territory**
- Raising up some new aspect of **what God has called you to do.**

***That's when Python comes and tries to limit you!!!!!!**

- Tries to **constrict you**
- And tries **to hold you back**, from moving forward
- From **going further**
- From **ENLARGING** your territory

*****Every time we have tried to grow this ministry we have had to break the power of Python, that wants to hold you where you are.**

- **This is as far as you're going and you're not going any further**
- **Somebody is listening to me today and it's like an invisible force**
- **Around your **ministry**, your **life**, you're **calling**, or you're **business!****
- **It's like you go so far and you can't go any further!!!!**

Well today we are going to put our finger on something that **spiritually speaking** and I believe it to be the **Spirit of Python that we can break.**

The power of God, can cause the life of God, the breath of God

- To feel that **dream again**
- To feel that **vision again**
- **To give you life** and to **break you free again**
- **Enlarge** your territory
- And cause you **to go into areas** that you have never been before
- **You will see** success that you have never experienced
- **Reach people with greater influence** than you have ever had before

It's time for the power of Python to be broken and whatever has been holding you back, whatever has been squeezing you, and

- putting the **squeeze** on you
- Putting a **squeeze** on your finances
- Putting a **squeeze** on your joy
- Putting a **squeeze** on your vision

****You know you begin to just think small!!!!**

- You just **quit believing** on anything good
- That the **favor of God will fall on everyone but me.**

I'm going to tell you that the Python can get wrapped around **your way of thinking** and squeeze and choke **that dream out that God has placed in you.**

We begin to **settle for so much less** than what God has for us. This is why I come to you today with **special message on spiritual warfare**.

I want to pray and believe with you today that Python's power can and will be broken.

******Here is what happened in the book of Acts**

- when they **begin to expand** into new areas, **Python showed up!**
- When they **began to pray!** Python showed up
- The bible says the enemy wants to **choke the life out of your finances**
- That's what happened, they cast out the evil spirit from the woman who told fortunes **divination Acts 16:19-21**

The bible says that when the owners of that woman saw that the hope of their money making scheme was gone.

They attacked and incarcerated Paul and Silas and beat them

When you begin to deal with the real battle the enemy will flare up, the spirit of Python will do everything he can to **bind you up, imprison you, in your mind and heart.**

(Preach) As they were put into that prison at midnight Paul and Silas began to sing praises unto God

I want to tell you what will break Python's hold greater than anything

- When you put on the **garment of praise**
- When you begin to get a **praise fraise in your mouth**
- You begin to **thank God** for he is for you
- You **thank him** because **he does love you**
- Your family
- Yes the enemy has been attacking
- Yes **some of us right now** are realizing that you have been under spiritual **attack**
- **Your fighting against principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness**

Today Gods word to you is, **I have already defeated Satan**, Jesus has already won the victory, **the blood of Jesus is what we overcome by.**

Today I pray for your victory!!

Your deliverance!!

Your freedom!

I want right where you are to **get you a praise fraise** and begin to thank God Today

- For there is **power in my prayer**
- There is **power in my praise**
- There is **power in your word**
- **And I don't have to be bound!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

***I think of how someone who is **having a heart attack** knows they are having a heart attack!

- Because we have been **educated as a society on warning signs**

You know sometimes you need to **recognize the warning signs** that **you are under attack!**

One of the warning signs that your under spiritual attack is

1.) Loss of spiritual desire

- You just don't care about spiritual things
- You use to be on fire
- You use to be passionate
- You used to be praising God
- You used to be into the word

But when your under spiritual attack and remember **it is a slow thing**, the **grip of Python is just little by little**

There is **no huge way** that he **takes our spiritual breath away**, he *slowly steals the anointing, the breath, the presence the life of God from us.*

This is a spiritual warning sign that you are under attack!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Don't want to go to Church
- Don't want to read the word
- Aren't interested in spiritual things
- Don't want to feed your mind on the word of God
- Your not into the word like you use to be
- **YOUR UNDER spiritual ATTACK**

The second sign that you're under spiritual attack is!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

2.) You go back to old habits and lifestyles

- They begin to **resurface**
- You begin to **pull away** from Godly relationships
- When all your friends are out **in the world**
- **It won't be long** and you'll be out in the world
- When you have **more in common** with people who are **unsaved** than you do with **those who are saved**
- Something is slipping, something is happening in your life

The question we have to ask is Satan real are demons real??????????????

I'm talking about the Spirit of Python because the bible says in Luke 8:26-39

- Jesus cast out **many devils**
- Why did he **cast out many** devils?
- Because they were there
- It's like we believe the **Devil has retired**
- They are still in existence
- Demons never die the same spirits that we have always fought are still here
- As a matter of fact I believe we are dealing with **more demonic activity** than ever before.

That's why **we need more of the presence of God, more of the breath of God, more of the Holy Spirit of God,** more of the anointing on our lives,

Close: My prayer for you today is that **if the enemy has been chocking the life out of you!!!!!!!**

- If you have been **going thru a battle**
- If you have been **seeing the warning signs** of spiritual attack
- It feels like the enemy is **constricting and hindering and holding** you back
- You can't seem to **break loose or get free**
- Maybe your **addicted, or bound** by alcohol or drugs
- Maybe the **Python has wrapped around your mind**
- **All you feel is feelings of discouragement, hopelessness, depression**
- **Maybe even suicide**

I would like today to **speak life into you**

I speak **the breath of God upon your life**

Your **dreams are going to breath again**

Your **calling in ministry is going to breath again**

Your **presence and your praise** in God will **break the coils of Satan today**

The power of Python is going to loose you and in the name of Jesus I command you to breath again.

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior **you cannot defeat Satan with your own intellect**

There is some addictions and bondages and some dilemmas that life will find you in, **there is only a spiritual answer too. His name is Jesus**

Jesus is not a answer, he is the answer!!!!

Right where you are call on him, Jesus, cleanse me save me and empower me with the breath of the Holy Spirit!

He wants to **breath back into you the anointing**, he wants to **breath back into you your ministry the power**

Paul said I do not come to you with **enticing words of man's wisdom**

A lot of Ministries today, god bless them **they have man's wisdom**, but that's not enough

We need the power of the Holy Spirit, we need to pray for the enduement of power from up on high.

He wants you to feel his spirit again, he wants to feel your family with his presence again.

Whatever has been squeezing or choking the life out of you,

I pray for healing to flow,

deliverance to flow,

joy to flow,

depression to break,

hopelessness to flee **and in the name of Jesus you are set free,**

Python your power is broken and our word from God now is, Breath again! In Jesus name

We all need to look inside and see if we are living the life that God intended for us

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Ephesians 6:12 - NIV

Luke 4:31-37 - NIV Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

Acts 16:16-18 – KJV

Acts 16:19-21 - NIV

Luke 8:26-39 - NIV