

Cutting the Umbilical Cord

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In this message, we will explore why it is so hard to hear from God sometimes.

Key points:

- Many Christians experience defeat because they won't cut the umbilical cord. They have one foot in the world and one in God's kingdom. We need both feet in God and His Word.
- 4 areas of attack by Satan: our history, our mind, our words, and our emotions
- The devil attacks us with words, but when we speak God's words we overcome the evil one.
- Reading the Bible should be an active conversation with Jesus. Ask Him questions about it and let Him speak to you.
- Don't focus on the battle, focus on God's Word and speak that. Picture the victory in your mind – that's seeing the end from the beginning like God does.
- Our words and our faith are seed. They will grow when planted, and we will reap a harvest.

Scriptures:

- John 1:12-14 – as many as receive Him, He gave them power to become the sons of God
- Luke 9:62 – no one who puts their hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom
- Philippians 4:19 – God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus
- Matthew 6:33 – seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
- Hebrews 4:11 – labor to enter into God's rest
- Hebrews 5:8 – Jesus learned obedience through what He suffered
- Matthew 6:21-23 – light of the body is the eye
- Hebrews 4:12 – God's word divides joints and marrow and discerns the intents of the heart
- Mark 4:1-20 – the parable of the sower
- Mark 11:24 – when you pray, believe you receive
- Mark 4:30-34 – parable of the mustard seed
- Isaiah 46:9-10 – I am God and there is none like me...declaring the end from the beginning
- Mark 4:22-24 – take heed what you hear
- Proverbs 4:20-22 – God's Words are life and health
- Mark 4:26-29 – seed produces after its kind
- Romans 8:1 – there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- Mark 3:23-25 – a divided kingdom cannot stand
- John 17:16 – in the world, not of it
- 1 Kings 18:41-46 – Elijah heard the sound of rain and sent his servant 7 times to look
- Luke 17:20-21 – the kingdom of God is within us
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 – we do not war after the flesh...our weapons are mighty through God...