

Welcome all present

We shall be looking at Luke 22:31-34 KJV

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“Satan have desire to have and sift you”

Every family with a purpose of glorifying God, every family with a heart to please God and do His will sacrificially is offensive to Satan

Hence,..... a conspiracy meeting was held where your family, my family, our families has been discussed. Not to our advantage, but on how to....

1. To have our families
2. To Sift our families (to take away, to isolate that which is most important out)

To fulfil these assignments, **Agents of wickedness** are released upon families

Therefore, the word of God encourages us to “Watch and Pray”

Do we have watchers in the house today?

Watching to identify those strange changes in the family

Watching to identify little little lies coming up here and there

Watching to identify I don't care attitudes arising

Watching to identify excuses taking root in the family

Watching to identify delays, weakness, sudden tiredness, self-justification.....

Do we have watchers in the family today?

❖ **Oh Lord forgive me for not being a watchman/woman**

❖ **Song of Solomon 1:6** KJV ⁶ *Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.*

Oh Lord forgive US, we realign our hearts and minds back to be more watchful over our own vineyards

Give the express happening now with my daughter

“Satan have desire to have and sift you”

Oh Lord every desire of the evil one to have and sift us, our children, spouse, family of the Church – let it not materialized in Jesus name

Oh Lord every Agents of the evil one to have and sift us, our children, spouse, family of the Church – let them fail in Jesus name

Every member of our families already in the trap of the evil one. Oh Lord deliver

Isaiah 49:24-26 NIV

²⁴ *Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives be rescued from the fierce^[a]?*

²⁵ *But this is what the Lord says: "Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save.*

²⁶ *I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh; they will be drunk on their own blood, as with wine. Then all mankind will know that I, the Lord, am your Saviour, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."*

In the name of Jesus name, we retrieve all members of our families in the trap of darkness

Oh Lord, contend with those who contend with us as a family

Oh Lord save our Children

Oh Lord, savage my family from every plans of the wicked one, let them eat their own flesh and drink their own blood as a wine

“Satan have desire to have and sift you”

What is Satan’s main strategy use to have and sift our families?

1). One of the strategy is by polluting our mind-set

2 Corinthians 10:3 – 6

NIV

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We 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. ⁶ And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

The Message

³⁻⁶ The world is unprincipled. It’s dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn’t fight fair. But we don’t live or fight our battles that way—never have and never will. The tools of our trade aren’t for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every

loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.

Oh Lord, every mind-sets that will approve and allow Satan's desire to have and to sift our families be exposed and be renewed in us in Jesus name

In the name of Jesus we smash warped philosophies, we tear down barriers erected against the truth of God in our lives, ministry and families

We bring to captive every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ

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What is Satan's main strategy use to have and sift our families?

2). Keeping us perpetually under the stronghold of guilt

His main weapon here is to make us **not able to make peace with our past** – again putting God's word into contestation

Beloveds, our family future and destiny is in trouble when it is our past that we consult as counsellors

If you do not let your past die, it will not let you live

You must step out of your history in order to step into the pathway of your destiny

For when our past navigates our lives for us, our present world will experience continuous exhaustion (a state of extreme physical or mental tiredness)

For there will be no power to bring forth.

Isaiah 37:3

New International Version

³ *They told him, "This is what Hezekiah says: This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as when children come to the moment of birth and there is no strength to deliver them.*

King James Version

³ *And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.*

For when our past navigates our lives for us, our present world will experience continuous exhaustion, for there is no power to bring forth and fulfil our God's word in our lives. Because we are taxing TODAY for yesterday's expenses

Paul was encouraging the Church in Corinth.....

2 Corinthians 5:17

New International Version

¹⁷ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

King James Version

¹⁷ *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Three taught that will empowered you to pull out of your past, make peace with your past and move into the pathway of your destiny, your future in this verse to us.....

1. In Christ, we are completely forgiving – John chapter 8. The woman caught in the act of adultery..... When the feelings of guilt want to take hold of you –Just celebrate the finished work of Christ for you

Oh Lord, give us, our families the grace to keep celebrating your finished work. For paying the price in

full for our wrong doings and sins – so as to silence the voice of guilt in us

Oh Lord, give us, our families the grace to keep celebrating your forgiveness over our wrong doings and sins – so as to silence the voice of guilt in us

2. In Christ, we are valuable. You know something is valuable by the price placed on it. This means we are very valuable – for He gave His life to set me free

We proclaim we are valuable! Our children, our spouses, our love ones, members of CMFI Family are valuable – so as to destroy the image of guilt in us

- *Please open your eyes, turn to someone close to you and tell him or her "YOU ARE VALUABLE"*

3. In Christ, We are unconditionally loved. Using the parent love for children. We love our children not because of their performance, but because of their position as our child. Using a father and a child who messed up..... despite the mess she made, I picked her up in the mess and embraced her. We have a God who is bigger than the mess we have made

We proclaim we are unconditionally loved! Our children, our spouses, our love ones, members of CMFI Family are unconditionally loved! – so as to destroy the foundation of guilt in us

In Conclusion..... We shall be look at the Luke 22:31-34 and what was Peter's response?

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Did Peter fell a victim? YES

WHY? Because by the arm of flesh shall no man prevail according to 1 Samuel 2:9

Same Peter became bold and firm after the in filling of the Holy Spirit

FINALLY, **Let us all together invite the Holy Spirit into our homes, families and even into the Church a fresh**

GOD BLESS US ALL..