

DO NOT BE DECEIVED: BE ON GUARD!

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WORSHIP

Today Is the Day, Still Standing, Battle Belongs, Not for A Moment, In Christ Alone

WELCOME

Have you ever been duped or swindled? Was it by someone you initially perceived as a threat or an “enemy”, or someone you saw as “friendly” and non-threatening?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God’s help and comfort for Turkish and Syrian people devastated by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; escalating tension in East Asian countries to stop.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

WORD

READ IT!

JOSHUA 9:16-21

(READ THE ENTIRE JOSHUA 9 & 10)

¹⁶ It came about at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were neighbors and that they were living [g]within their land. ¹⁷ Then the sons of Israel set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon and Chephirah and Beeroth and Kiriath-jearim. ¹⁸ The sons of Israel did not strike them because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD the God of Israel. And the whole congregation grumbled against the leaders. ¹⁹ But all the leaders said to the whole congregation, “We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we cannot touch them. ²⁰ This we will do to them, even let them live, so that wrath will not be upon us for the oath which we swore to them.” ²¹ The leaders said to them, “Let them live.” So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for the whole congregation, just as the leaders had spoken to them.

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about being on your guard against deception?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT!

INTRO

(1 Peter 5:8, Joshua 1:7-8)

I. CHECK IT OUT

(Joshua 9:3-14, 2 Peter 3:17, Acts 20:28, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

II. CONSULT GOD

(Psalm 135:6-7, 1 Peter 1:16, Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 139:4, 1 John 4:8, Genesis 18:20-32, Genesis 15:13,15, Deuteronomy 9:4-5, Leviticus 18:20-24, Deuteronomy 18:9-11, Ezekiel 33:11, Psalm 116:15)

III. COMMIT TO GOD’S WAYS

(1 Chronicles 9:2, Nehemiah 3:7, Psalm 15:1, 4, Ecclesiastes 5:4-5, Joshua 10:8-14, Romans 8:28)

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on “Do Not Be Deceived: Be on Guard!”, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

“I will _____

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that the Lord will reveal the deception of the Enemy to people in your life and around you who do not know Jesus yet as Savior and Lord. Let them know how God can cause all things to work together for the good of His people. Share how they too can avoid being deceived and have victory in and through Jesus Christ alone.

MEMORY VERSE

1 PETER 5:8

⁸ Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.