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TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Revelation

Chapter 12

Woman and Dragon: Overcome by the Blood

MEMORY VERSE · REVELATION 12:11

"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Revelation 12

This chapter pulls back the curtain on the war behind every battle you fight. The enemy is real and he is angry, but he is beaten — and this week you will learn the three ways God's people overcome him.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Revelation study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

The War Behind the Wars

READ · REVELATION 12:1–4

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Describe the two signs John sees in verses 1 and 3. What is the woman going through, and what is the dragon waiting to do (v4)?

REFLECT

The dragon stood ready to devour the child the moment He was born (v4). Where have you seen the enemy try to kill something good God was bringing to life in you?

REFLECT

Knowing there is a war behind your battles (v3), how might you see the people who hurt you differently?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name the battle you are in right now, and pray about the real enemy behind it instead of only the people in front of you.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 12:11)

DAY 2 OF 5

Caught Up and Cared For

READ · REVELATION 12:5–6

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does verse 5 say the child will do, and where does He go? Where does the woman go in verse 6, and who prepared that place?

REFLECT

The dragon could not touch the Child — He was "caught up to God and to His throne" (v5). How does it help you today to know Jesus is seated on that throne right now?

REFLECT

The woman fled into the wilderness to "a place prepared by God" and was fed there (v6). What wilderness are you in, and where have you seen God feed you in it?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down three ways God has provided for you in a hard place. Thank Him for each one out loud.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Not Strong Enough

READ · REVELATION 12:7–9

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who fights in heaven in verse 7, and how does it end (v8)? List every name the dragon is given in verse 9.

REFLECT

The dragon and his angels "were not strong enough" (v8). Which temptation or fear in your life has seemed bigger than God lately?

REFLECT

Satan "deceives the whole world" (v9). What lie about yourself or about God have you believed the longest?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write that lie on one side of a card and a true word from Scripture on the other side. Read the true side every time the lie comes back.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Answering the Accuser

READ · REVELATION 12:10–12

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does Satan do “day and night” (v10)? What three things did the brethren overcome him with (v11)? Why is the devil so angry (v12)?

REFLECT

What accusation does the enemy keep throwing at you, and how does “the blood of the Lamb” answer it — not your record, but Jesus' death in your place (v11)?

REFLECT

They “did not love their life even when faced with death” (v11). What are you holding onto so tightly that the enemy can use it to threaten you?

RESPOND — TODAY

When an old failure comes to mind today, say out loud: ‘Jesus' blood has answered that.’ Then tell one person something Jesus has done for you.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Carried and Kept

READ · REVELATION 12:13–17

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the dragon do when he was thrown down (v13)? How was the woman helped in verses 14–16? Who does the dragon go after in verse 17, and how are they described?

REFLECT

God gave the woman wings and made the earth swallow the flood (vv14–16). When has God rescued you in a way you could not have arranged yourself?

REFLECT

The dragon's targets are those who “keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus” (v17). Why should a man expect attack right after he starts following Jesus seriously?

RESPOND — TODAY

Call or write to a brother who is newly out, newly sober or newly saved. Warn him the flood may come, and promise to stand with him.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Which of the three — the blood, the word of your testimony, or not loving your life (v11) — is hardest for you to stand on, and why?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

How did it change your week to know the devil has "only a short time" (v12)?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Where did you see God prepare a place and feed you in the wilderness this week (vv6, 14)?

MY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, the accuser has been thrown down and Your blood answers every charge against me, so today I stand and…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · REVELATION 12:11

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