

## SPIRITUAL COMBAT -- *Episode Four: The Devil*



Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Game Strategy** – The devil is real. Just ask Jesus. He talked about and to him. He fought with him and He beat him.

Be ready to take the field for this workout by completing the **Pregame Film Study**. Your contributions to the Huddle Discussion in our workout are vital to our team success. Remember we win and lose as a team!

### **Pregame Film Study**

1. View or listen to the episode referenced above.
2. Go deep with the Scripture References, Coaching Tips and Catechism Connection on page 2.
3. Reflect upon the **Huddle Up** questions below and jot down your thoughts.

**Huddle Up** – Use these questions for personal reflection to share with your team at the workout.

### **Warm-up Questions:**

1. What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?
2. What is something useful that you learned from viewing this episode that you can apply in your own life?

### **Workout Questions:**

1. Read Revelation 12:9. Do you truly believe that the devil exists and that he is evil? Why do you believe this? If not, why?
2. What are the evil traits that he is known for?
3. What is the devil's ultimate goal for the world?
4. The devil doesn't run around with a pitchfork, horns and a tail. He disguises and deceives. Can you recall a time in your life when the devil deceived you into thinking you were doing the right thing when deep in your heart you knew it was wrong? What did you learn from this incident?
5. 1 Peter 5:8-9 tells us that the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour and we must resist him firm in the faith. What does this passage mean to you? What are some of the tools of your faith that you can use to resist these attacks?
6. The devil not only comes after us individually but also collectively. Can you name some ways in which the devil is trying to corrupt this world? What can you do to help prevent this from happening?
7. The devil is a higher being than we are; he stands between us and God. How can you assure yourself that you can defeat the devil every time he tries to attack you? (James 4:6-10)

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**Team Workout Plan** - Watch the Kickoff, Game Plan and Red Zone video segments as a team. Break into huddles for discussion of the questions.

**Postgame Recap** - Watch the End Zone video segment as a team. Take note of the tips from the CTG team:

1. Ask the Lord to help you get in the fight against evil.
2. 1 John 5:19. Plant the flag. Choose to live for Christ.
3. Call on Jesus. He will protect you every time!

Complete your **Personal Action Item**. 

### **Scripture References**

1 John 3:8

Colossians 2:13-15

Luke 4:1-14

Revelation 12:9

James 4:6-10

1 Peter 5:8-9

### **Coaching Tips**

Do you want to outwit the devil? Never let him catch you idle. Work, study, pray; and you will surely overcome your spiritual enemy. - *St. John Bosco*

What are the Church's greatest needs at the present time? Don't be surprised at our answer and don't write it off as simplistic or even superstitious: one of the Church's greatest needs is to be defended against the evil we call the Devil..... We come face to face with sin which is a perversion of human freedom and the profound cause of death because it involves detachment from God, the source of life. And then sin in its turn becomes the occasion and the effect of interference in us and our work by a dark, hostile agent, the Devil. Evil is not merely an absence of something but an active force, a living, spiritual being that is perverted and that perverts others. It is a terrible reality, mysterious and frightening. – *Pope Paul VI address to a General Audience November 15, 1972.*

### **Catechism Connection**

**391** Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy. Scripture and the Church's Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called "Satan" or the "devil". The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing."

**395** The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries - of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature- to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but "we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him."

**2851** In this petition, evil is not an abstraction, but refers to a person, Satan, the Evil One, the angel who opposes God. The devil (dia-bolos) is the one who "throws himself across" God's plan and his work of salvation accomplished in Christ.

### **Personal Action Item**

Develop a plan of action based upon our prayer and discussion related to the topic. How does the Lord want this topic applied in your life? Keep it simple – one or two action items.

*I commit to becoming spiritually fit by...*