

Sacredly Written Sermon Notes

Capturing Heaven's Downloads, One Message at a Time

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Scripture Focus

John 16:33

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Sermon Summary

Pastor Mike Jr.'s message "*No Lie*" exposes how the enemy uses deception to attack identity, confidence, and purpose. He reminds us that many of the lies we believe—limitations, intimidation, and unmet expectations—are tactics to derail us from who God called us to be, but peace and clarity are found when we reclaim our truth in Christ.

The Enemy's Strategy: Deception Through Lies

Analogy:

You ever get one of those fake texts from Apple or your bank that says:
"Suspicious login detected. Click here to secure your account."

It *feels* real.

But it's a **trap**—a phishing message designed to access your **real** life.

The enemy operates the same way:

- Sends messages or suggestions that look like truth.
- It feels real, familiar.
- But if you *click on it*, you lose **peace**, **identity**, and **purpose**.
- It only works if you **believe the lie**.

Lies we often believe:

- “*This life is as good as it gets.*”
- “*You can’t obtain your dreams.*”

Truth: God is not done with you yet.
Don’t believe the lie. Don’t adopt it.

If you don’t learn to **recognize the lie**, you’ll build your whole life around it.

Two Types of People In The Room

- Can’t shout because they bought into the lie.
- Can shout because they know **God is bigger than the lie** the devil is trying to sell them.

The Devil Isn’t Just Lying — He Is A Lie

2 Corinthians 11:14 - “Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.”

- He *masquerades*:
 - Wears what you like.
 - Talks in your tone.
 - Walks in what feels familiar.
- If he can’t destroy you, he will **deceive you**.

Deception is Strategy, Destruction is the Goal

- *John 8:44* - “You belong to your father, the devil... when he lies, he speaks his native language.”
- The enemy doesn’t just lie to you—he **tries to rewrite you**.
- His goal is not to just deceive your ears; it’s to **reprogram your identity**.
- It’s deeper than temptation—it’s about **transformation**.
- He wants you to:
 - Mislabel yourself.
 - Think less of yourself.
 - Walk in an identity **God never gave you**.

The Strategy: Reprogram Your Identity

- If the enemy **tempts** you and you mess up...
 - You’ll **repent**.
- But if the enemy **transforms** you...
 - You’ll be given over to a **reprobate mind**.

- A reprobate mind is a depraved, unrepentant state.
- *Romans 1:28* - "Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done."

Label vs Identity

- "If he can get you to believe a different **label**, you will act accordingly."
- Some of us are living beneath who God called us to be because we believed the lie.
- The devil isn't just trying to **tempt** you...
He's trying to **transform** you.

Expired Purpose (Milk Analogy)

- Milk has an expiration date.
If you leave it out of the fridge, it expires quicker.
- Some of you are fighting **battles meant for next year**...
Why?
Because you believed the lie **early**.
- The devil doesn't just want to pull you **out of position**—
He wants to **transform** you so you never even recognize the right position.

What the Enemy Wants to Steal

1. **Your voice** → Makes you believe you don't have one.
2. **Your reflection** → Blurs that you were made in His image.
3. **Your story** → Hijacks it with shame and regret.

*"The most dangerous liar in your life might not be the enemy, but the **inner me**."*

Jeremiah 17:9 - "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

Even **feelings** can be real... and still **wrong**.

When Friends Feel Fake

- Sometimes your "friends" were never real—they just took the **mask off**.
- Your success might trigger **their insecurities**.
- Your next blessing might **offend their comfort**.

Paul (Acts 28) & Peter on the Water

- Paul survives a storm, comes in cold, warms by the fire, and gets bit by a snake.
- Question: *Why didn't the people who prepared the fire get bit?*
 - Answer: *Snakes only bite people who have **heat** on them.*

If you're catching more hell than the people around you...

→ It's because *you got heat on you.*

"God, if You're going to keep showing out in my life, I'll deal with the attacks."

- Peter asked Jesus, "Let me come to You."
- The storm didn't start until he **got out** of the boat.
- The devil will calm the storm long enough to make you think it's the **right time** to step out —
Just to **rattle your confidence** when you do.

The L.I.E. Trap

L - THE LIE OF LIMITATIONS: "I'm not enough"

A deceptive belief that you're not enough, can't go further, or don't have what it takes—when **God already put the answer inside you.**

It's not just a lie about ability—it's **an attack on identity.**

Proverbs 23:7 – "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

What does the lie of limitation sound like?

- "You will never be enough."
- "People like you how you are. Don't change."
- "You're too broken."
- "Don't do too much."
- "You're not enough."

It's not about your **ability**—it's about your **identity**, which is directly tied to your **confidence.**

Limitation is rehearsed, not real

- You're shrinking to fit what you've **practiced** believing.
- You aren't "not it" — you just think you're not it.
- Your identity is attached to your confidence

I - THE LIE OF INTIMIDATION: “This is too much”

A spiritual tactic where the enemy **exaggerates fear to shrink your faith.**

It's the **false belief** that what's in front of you is greater than what's inside of you.

What does the lie of intimidation sound like?

- “You're not ready for this.”
- “They're better than you.”
- “What if you fail and everybody sees it?”

This lie **makes pressure feel like punishment.**

It convinces you that **resistance** is a sign to quit, instead of a signal to grow.

We often face opposition and assume “this must not be God”—but **what if it is?**

A safe is designed to protect what's inside. **Opposition is a signal of value.**

“The devil doesn't stand at doors that aren't valuable.”

Intimidation is **internalized oppression.** The enemy convinces you to limit yourself **before you even try.**

If you're getting opposition — you may be heading in the **right** direction.

THE LIE OF EXPECTATION: “God should've done it by now”

The lie of expectation is the belief that **God's timing is off** and your disappointment is justified.

“By now I should be further.”

“God, You're late.”

“Everyone else got theirs. What about me?”

“Maybe this just isn't meant to happen for me.”

Habakkuk 2:3 (NLT) – “This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.”

“If it's slow, I just gotta wait on it. He said, it is so.”

Unmet expectation can lead to **spiritual amnesia**—forgetting what God said.

Delay isn't denial. It's development.

The root of your issue isn't that God is late—it's that you **think** He's late.

The enemy uses expectation to push you toward entitlement:

"God should've done it by now."

Expectation Without Truth = Entitlement

When you don't anchor expectation in truth, it turns into entitlement.

You begin to think God owes you something.

You start treating disappointment like a delay in service instead of a divine setup.

Spiritual Amnesia

Unmet expectations lead to **spiritual amnesia**.

You forget what **God said** because you're frustrated that it hasn't happened **when** He said it would.

- You start questioning His promise.
- You start doubting His presence.
- You stop remembering what He's already brought you through.

Delay isn't denial—it's development.

God is not **slow**, He's **strategic**.

It's not **not** happening.

It's **not happening on purpose**.

What you're going through only caught **you** off guard.

It didn't catch **God** off guard.

God is not ghosting you—He's growing you.

The lie lives in your **disappointment with the delay**.

When **your timeline** becomes your **idol**, you stop trusting **God's plan**.

- God's **plan** should be your focus, not your **schedule**.
- You stop trusting when your desire for **control** outweighs your capacity for **faith**.

Don't Make Your Timeline an Idol

The real test isn't what you do **when you lose**...

→ It's what you do **when you win**.

Focus is choosing what deserves your energy.

→ Especially when life is trying to either bless or break you.

The lie lives in disappointment and delay.

→ When your timeline becomes your idol, you stop trusting God's plan.

→ God's plan is your anchor—not your timeline.

Pain, Perspective, & People

The worst thing in your life may not be your enemies.

It may be your **friends**.

There's a difference between:

- A friend who **hurts you** (through correction)
vs.
- An enemy who **attacks you** (to delay you)

Sometimes your **friendship wounds** come from people who love your **potential** enough to risk **losing you**.

God, whatever I deal with in the future, don't let me fret—I trust You've already dealt with it.

Peace is not found in the **absence of chaos**—

It's found in the **presence of clarity**.

The pain of **being you** is what births the power of **becoming you**.

When you get perspective, you realize:

- Yes, it hurts right now—but it's supposed to.
- Because it's the **pain of who you are** that will develop the **power of who you are**.

Truths & Revelations

- You are NOT what you **feel**.
- You are NOT what the world **labeled** you.
- You ARE what **God called** you.
- Speak the Word over your identity.
- And when the enemy tries to deceive you, declare: **"No Lie!"**

- You become better with confidence.
 - *Boxers who win a title are believed to become 30% better—because the win increases their confidence.*
- Trials can stump your confidence and make you forget the oil and anointing you carry.
 - And when that happens, jealousy creeps in.
- Sometimes your ears need to hear you say it:
 - “I can do all I want to do.”
- “I am who I am today b/c of what I survived yesterday.”
- Limitation isn’t real—it’s rehearsed.
 - “The more you think it, the more you shrink.”
- You aren’t “it” because you think you aren’t “it.”
- Words hurt.
- “It’s never the right time to step out on faith.”
 - Example: Peter walking on water.
 - Peter thought it was the right time, but the waves didn’t come till he stepped out.
 - The devil can calm the storm just long enough to make you think it’s the “right time.”

Peace, Presence, and Perspective

Limitation is a lie that shows up in comparison, insecurity, and imposter syndrome.

It convinces you peace is **a reward for performance**, when really—it’s **a result of presence**.

Peace isn’t a place. **Peace is a person.**

➤ *John 16:33* – “In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

➤ “If you don’t take God with you, you won’t have peace.”

God is not slow—He is strategic.

What you’re going through didn’t catch Him off guard—**only you.**

➤ God isn’t ghosting you. **He’s growing you.**

FAITH VS. FEAR

- **Fear is a prophet of the enemy.**

- **Faith is a prophet of the believer.**
- Fear emphasizes for you so you don't step out on faith.
 - "It speaks doom over what God already predestined."
- *2 Timothy 1:7* - "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
- *Deuteronomy 3:22* - "Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you."
- It's not the size of the giant—it's the size of your **confidence**.

PAIN, CLARITY, AND IDENTITY

- Sometimes people who love you will challenge you deeply—because they see your potential.
- **Pain is part of development.**
 - "The pain of being you creates the power of being you."
- When you have **clarity and perspective**, you realize:
 - "Yes, it hurts now, but it's developing who I'm becoming."

Reflection Questions

1. What lie have you been tempted to believe about your identity or your purpose lately?
2. Have you ever labeled yourself something God never called you? How has that impacted your life?
3. In what area of your life are you currently "clicking the fake text" — giving access to deception?
4. What "heat" are you carrying that might explain the current opposition you're facing?
5. Have you been mistaking resistance as a sign to retreat instead of a signal to rise?
6. What limitation have you been rehearsing in your mind that's caused you to shrink?
7. Is there a dream you gave up on because it felt like you weren't enough? What would change if you believed God's truth about you instead?
8. What does the enemy say about your voice — and what does God say? Which have you been listening to more?
9. Has your peace been tied more to performance than presence? What would it look like to shift that?
10. Are there friendships or circles in your life that have responded poorly to your "next?" Why do you think that is?

11. How has unmet expectation or delayed timing affected your trust in God's promises?
12. Can you identify moments of spiritual amnesia — when frustration caused you to forget God's faithfulness?
13. When was the last time you allowed fear to prophesy over your life instead of faith?
14. Have you been idolizing your timeline over God's plan? What needs to be surrendered today?
15. Who in your life loves your potential enough to speak truth even when it hurts — and have you been receptive or resistant to their correction?

Personal Reflection

This word hit differently because I've *lived* it. I know what it's like to fall for the lie—those internal whispers that say, “You're not enough,” “You should be further by now,” “They're better than you.” I've had moments where I almost agreed with the enemy... almost gave into limitation, intimidation, and expectation.

But God. 🙏

I'm in a place now where I see things clearer. My view is no longer clouded by fear or disappointment. I've survived too much to pretend I'm not chosen. Too anointed to believe I'm overlooked. I'm not where I used to be—and even when I have those days where the old mindset tries to resurface, I *remember who I am*. I remember *whose I am*.

I remind myself that peace is the result of God's presence. I remind myself that the delay was never denial, it was development. That the pain? It wasn't punishment—it was preparation. There's purpose in my pain.

And listen... I'm still evolving. Still becoming. But I walk in rooms differently now. I carry my scars with confidence. Because every time I feel myself shrinking, I shift back into alignment with God's truth.

I'm choosing to unsubscribe from every message that doesn't align with what God says about me. I'm reclaiming my label. I'm getting my voice back. I'm shutting down fear and standing tall in faith. Even when it hurts. Even when it feels like God should've done it by now.

I don't move perfectly, but I move prayerfully. And I don't question if I'm enough—I remind myself that I *am*.

Because the most dangerous liar in my life used to be me.

This message reminded me: *peace isn't found in perfect timing—it's found in clarity.*

I am not what I feel.

I am what God said.

I've survived too much to question who I'm becoming.