Our Story—Satan's Attack—God's Faithfulness

Our Story Background

THE DAY I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

- 20+ years of waging a war we never thought we would have to fight.
- We share this only so you can understand the journey so that maybe we can share some insights that will be helpful to someone else.

THINGS WE HAVE LEARNED

I. Satan's Purpose is Destruction—No One is Immune

John 10:10 (NLT)

- Our Son's Addiction--Debbie's Perspective
- Our Son's Addition—David's Perspective
- THE FAMILY OF THE ADDICTED
- OUR MINISTRY

II. Get Your Fight On <u>2 Corinthians 10:4-6</u>

Dr. Cindy Trimm in book--The Rules of Engagement

Warring Over Our Love Ones

We fight our battles and wage warfare in the heavenlies through:

- PRAYER--Matthew 17:21
- **SCRIPTURES--**Proverbs 11:21; Jeremiah 31:16-17
- PRAISE--2 Chronicles 20:23; Psalm22:3

Our Fight is Against Demonic Forces

- Ephesians 6:12
- Addiction is Demonically Influenced

GET YOUR FIGHT ON!

- "Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." (NKJV)
- "It is the power of the spoken word that gives you life or death and releases blessings or cursed (Paraphrased from Proverbs 18:21).
- We need to fight our battles, and wage warfare in the heavenlies."
- We are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, above principalities and powers (Ephesians 2:20-22;3:6).

Declare the Word of God--Claim Victory

- Story of the Three Bibles (David)
- Get ready for real warfare
- Sabotage the Plan of the enemy through Warfare Praying

III. Recovery / Deliverance

I Samuel 30:8

Recovery for the Addicted

- $\,\circ\,$ They will never quit until they are ready to quit
- The pain of addiction has to become greater than the pain of recovery.
- $\circ\,$ They must totally surrender in order to recover

Recovery for the Family

- Set Boundaries
- Take Care of Yourself
- Find Coping Skills
- Change Your Mind Set
- Surrender & Release

Churches Responsibility

- Don't Ignore it
- Offer Help
- \circ Get Informed
- The Break Through
 - Song: No Longer A Slave to Sin--I am a Child of God
- There will be setbacks

IV. Don't Waste The Journey

- Scars
- Story of Nehemiah
 - The story of Nehemiah depicts the Lord's desire to rebuild our broken lives.
 - o Nehemiah 4:14
 - Nehemiah 4:10
 - $\,\circ\,$ Like Nehemiah, we are here to encourage you to
 - Take heart--God is on your side
 - Fight for your family
 - Don't do it alone. (One built while one stood guard)
 - $\,\circ\,$ You can make it. There is HOPE.
- Kintsukuroi—is a Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with lacquer dusted or mixed with powered gold, silver or platinum.
- Take your brokenness/addiction and allow God to make something beautiful from it.