

THE OFFICIANT
-Speaking Series-
EP 4: 'WINDS WITHIN'

Suggested Run Time: 4-min 08-sec
(Start 0:0 ~ End 4:08)

-IN THIS CLIP-

Chaplain learns his dearest Friend & Mother Figure: Mildred is going to die.
While, witnessing the intentional destruction of friends by the Hospice Administrator.

JAMES 4:1-3

-Scripture Reference-

Submit Yourselves to God

What causes fights and quarrels among you?

Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

You desire but do not have, so you kill.

You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.

You do not have because you do not ask God.

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives,
that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

-BIG IDEA-

IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD

POINT ONE:

ANGER LEADS TO THE DARK SIDE

1A) *Baker is intentionally causing dissension among the staff; creating ridiculous, impossible to follow rules, belittling any who speak up. Sound like a familiar life/work event to you?*

People are being hurt by human-monsters, as tyranny takes subtle forms.

It's about action, not reaction: Prevention Via Prayer...but, petition clean, without bitterness.

1B) *Baker is intentionally pitting friends against each other; to go on the defensive against each other. His weapon is confusion, that leads to doubt and anger - Satan's Field of Joy.*

As Humans we falter under pressure; we're flesh, the Spirit is a Working Power.

Giving it to God in Prayer allows The Holy Spirit to work within His Field of Grace.

APPLICATION:

PRAISE THE LORD, FIGHT THE MONSTER

The Church Body, called to care for each other and the world.
How do we balance handling life's hard patches (people) in an Eternal way
while handling, with love, those internal people/problems of this earth?

POINT TWO:

CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES, KNOWING THEY'RE NOT YOURS

2A) *Chaplain obtains life/death altering information **while** in the midst of a 'human battle'.
Humans acting out, arguing over earthly things, removing their eyes from the Eternal.*

The scene is shot in a circle - like a lasso - or whirlwind.
Often this is how our world feels when receiving/dealing with bad news.
Humans are designed this way...it helps us hand it over to God, in peace.

2B) *Someone who acts evil/hurtful isn't a monster, they are oppressed by monsters (satan,
demons), so Chaplain's (our) work, is to not challenge what they're doing, but to question
why they're doing so...and meet them with Love.*

Ultimately figuring out bad-acting people's motives (The Why) keeps us dwelling on earth stuff,
The real issue is demonic. We hit the front lines in Confident Prayer, but **must** give it to God.

APPLICATION:

PRAISE THE LORD, FIGHT THE MONSTER

In tense 'battle' moment - are our eyes on the problems inside the whirlwind?
Or the God who is above it? And...He meets each situation with Love.
He Will Bring Purpose To The Pain.

CONCLUSION:

What Does This Scene Look Like From The Holy Spirit's Perspective?

-HEBREWS 12:2

**'...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he
endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.'**

God has a better Bird's Eye View than us.
The Spirit is at work in all things, focus on His Love, not the issue.

*'Anger Leads To The Dark Side...' -Yoda
(fyi, the Jedi Master isn't actually in this tv-series)*

APPLICATION:

Dwelling on the problem is really just us, making it about us, being a victim.
Nothing is ever about us. It's All About God. And God Is All About Love.

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