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Chapter 19 - Our Experience with Jezebel (Part 2)

Releasing Souls Through Prayer

That was our first experience with the spirit of Jezebel, though not the last. In 1985, during a time of counseling, we discerned that this spirit was the controlling influence directing the lesser demons of homosexuality and lesbianism. The Lord instructed us to war against Jezebel, and in one month's time three people were delivered from these perversions. The next month the local cable network removed the Playboy channel. People began calling for help with sexual problems and needing deliverance from fantasies. Even a couple of pastors and their wives discreetly called, feeling compelled to confess their sins in search of deliverance. By focusing our warfare against the Jezebel spirit, many in her grip were being set free.

At the same time, the warfare suddenly increased against both my family and our church. A fault finding demon (which we had not discerned until months later) brought division and conflict into the congregation. Certain people whom we loved deeply suddenly turned against us with unexplained hatred. Suspicion mounted in the church and a time of destabilization occurred. Nevertheless, we continued warring against the spirit of Jezebel, convinced our warfare was effective.

One night, however, this same spirit of Jezebel appeared at the foot of our bed. I felt paralyzed, unable to speak or even cry for help. This spirit was not manifest before me in a dark spirit form. All my natural life seemed literally drained from my body. I felt that only Christ's life sustained me.

No audible words were spoken, but I suddenly heard the following words in my mind, "*continue to pray as you are and I will kill you and members of your church.*" The Spirit faded, but even after it had apparently left, I was barely able to move. My mind was a quagmire of discouraging thoughts: "Why should I pray for these people?" Why suffer when, on any given day, I don't know who will be turned against me?" Fortunately, the Holy Spirit intervened and lifted me from my oppression.

But Jezebel's death threat was not idle. A few days later, on a Saturday night, a woman in our church called, frantic for help. Her husband had taken narcotics and was threatening her and

her children. We made provisions for her, and she and her children escaped to a home in our neighborhood. At 1:00 a.m. that same night, I received a phone call from her enraged husband. This man, a self-styled Nazi and owner of thirty-four guns, was demanding I tell him where his wife was. He said, "If you don't tell me where my wife is, *I will kill you and the members of your church!*" These were the exact words the spirit of Jezebel had used in my bedroom less than one week earlier! It was obvious that the Jezebel spirit had found and raised up a vessel to carry out the death threat of the previous week.

It is not normal practice for pastors to pray for a snowstorm on a Saturday night, but we prayed that night and the light snow falling outside turned into a blizzard, dropping 10 inches of snow by church time Sunday morning. Those of us at church prayed again and bound Jezebel from the man who had threatened us. Eventually, to God's glory, this individual accepted the Lord Jesus as his Savior.

This has been a brief summary of our experience with the spirit of Jezebel. What we have written is not based upon theory or conjecture but experience. Our testimony in this warfare is simply this: the Lord Jesus Himself has given us His authority "over all the power of the enemy." His promise is faithful: "and nothing will injure you (Luke 10:19).