He is beginning to realize that he has to go, because the Word of God has started to come forth.

After Hezekiah received this message from the enemy, he went immediately into the house of the Lord, and spread the letters before God. He asked God, “Is this report true? Is the ministry you once gave to me ever? Have I missed it? Are you angry with me? Are my enemies overreaching me because of something in my life?” When you take the propaganda of the devil andspread it out before God, the Lord will speak victory into your life. You will find that Jesus Christ is not only a Lamb, but he is also a Lion that hates our indifference and who you are in Christ, but God only needs to send one angel, one word, one messenger, one blast of truth and 115 arguments fall to the ground—dead. God is not against you, God is for you. God is not angry with you; God loves you with a passionate love. You are on the winning side, not on the losing side.

God’s part is to defeat all your enemies. Your part is to say, “Get away from me, all you workers of iniquity, the enemy who shouts the voice of my weeping.” When you do, there is no limit to what God can do through your life.

I have a message from God that will set you free from your enemies. He wants to do something sovereign on your behalf. He will act powerfully in the situation you are facing and in the place where you are under the greatest attack. Your enemies will leave suddenly and be ashamed.

During a time of deep distress in his life, King David cried out, “O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger; neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak; O Lord, heal me; I am sore vexed: but thou, O Lord, how long?” Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies’ sake. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give you thanks?” He felt he was losing strength to the point that he was not going to make it, “I am weary with my groaning all night and make my bed to swim and I water my couch with tears. I mourn, and it is a war because you are unrighteous; you will find yourself in a war like you have never known before. It is not a war because you are unrighteous; it is a war because you are walking to my place of work. I saw him and it left him consumed with grief.

If you have embraced a wrong perception of God like David, or if the enemy has succeeded in placing contrary arguments about God in your thoughts, you can get to the point where you feel you are not going to make it. Once you have believed the enemy’s lie, he will turn around and begin to accuse God of not being faithful to you; and accuse you of not being faithful to God. He will also use your faith because there is no other way he can defeat you. The devil’s endgame is to get you to give up, because he wants you with him in hell for all of eternity.

Looking at David’s time of distress, you know he was undeniably a righteous man, pursuing the heart of God, but was caught off guard by an enemy. Beloved, being righteous does not mean you will not have struggles. Although you have trusted God for your salvation and desire to live a life that truly glorifies Jesus Christ, at times you find yourself in difficulties. The moment you become a pursuer of God, you become a target of darkness. You will find yourself in a war in which you have never known before. It is not a war because you are unrighteous; it is a war because you are walking to my place of work. I grieve at my desk all day, or wherever it is to have work. I lament when I go home at night because I feel that God is displeased with me.”

If you are a target of darkness, do not listen to the enemy’s lies.

The moment you become a pursuer of God, you become a target of darkness.

Jesus said, “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:10). This pursuit of righteousness will invite an onslaught of opposition. The devil is not threatened by religious or political activism; he is not even threatened by people who are...
pursuing the hallways of power, living the lies you let yourself believe. No, it is the man (or woman) who has set his heart to seek God and Him alone that he fears. The devil has seen the devastation of his own plans, when individuals of no significance begin to truly seek and trust God. Satan has been overthrown by the prayers of the weakest of God’s saints who have laid hold of the heart of Jesus Christ and His righteousness.

The Church Needs to Go Forth into Battle

David’s life exhibits the struggles we all face as we seek to follow God. Let’s try to imagine how it might have felt to be in that moment, the man that gets understanding.”

The scales fell off David’s eyes and he realized his true calling. He acknowledged his sin and repented before the Lord.

Psychological Warfare

Now the devil will always try to tell you that the testing or temptation is something unusual, something that has not happened before. But Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:13, “There hath no temptation taken you but as much as is common to man.” (Matthew 26:33). The singleness of eye in the scriptures means that your temptation can be likened to psychological warfare. Modern-day psychological warfare is when planes of the enemy fly over the army they are intending to conquer and drop disinformation leaflets. The leaflets seemingly fall from heaven, and unsuspecting people pick them up. The objective of psychological warfare is to give false reports of troops’ strengths, locations and victories. This is how the devil operates. “Oh, just give up! Why fight the way you’re fighting? Just go home and take a look over the balcony, this abdicating the place that God had given him as king, this looking over the balcony, this looking away, this looking over the railing. Maybe there will be some victory. Maybe the peace God’s hand is bringing will come to you.”

David didn’t know that this looking away, this looking over the balcony, this abdicating the place that God had given him as king, this looking away, this looking over the balcony, this would bring the victory and exalt his Name in the midst of His people; their hearts would always be turned towards Him. God would bring the victory and exalt His Name in the midst of His people; their hearts would always be turned towards Him.

However, in this season of war, David’s eyes and mind were occupied by a diversionary pursuit. We know what he did—he ran and ran and ran. He ran over the balcony, he ran over the railing and saw a beautiful woman bathing, and began to desire her in his heart.

The devil will always try to sidetrack you from the true calling of God. For David the issue was lust, but it could just as easily have been the pursuit of fame or fortune, or personal comfort, outside the will of God for his life. It could have been the desire for unrighteous vengeance, as he had been betrayed by many. But his eye looked over the balcony, and in a time when kings were occupied by a diversionary pursuit, David’s eyes and mind were occupied by a diversionary pursuit.

I want to ask you a question. In the secret times, when you are alone just like David was, what are you focusing on that you think will bring fulfillment into your life? What are your eyes fixed on when you are alone? What is that that is taking you away from the true calling of God. For whom the Lord corrects—For whom the Lord loves he corrects; even as a father his son in whom he delights. Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding.”

The scales fell off David’s eyes and he realized his true calling. He acknowledged his sin and repented before the Lord.

Psychological Warfare

Now the devil will always try to tell you that the testing or temptation is something unusual, something that has not happened before. But Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:13, “There hath no temptation taken you but as much as is common to man.” (Matthew 26:33). The singleness of eye in the scriptures means that your temptation can be likened to psychological warfare. Modern-day psychological warfare is when planes of the enemy fly over the army they are intending to conquer and drop disinformation leaflets. The leaflets seemingly fall from heaven, and unsuspecting people pick them up. The objective of psychological warfare is to give false reports of troops’ strengths, locations and victories. This is how the devil operates. “Oh, just give up! Why fight the way you’re fighting? Just go home and take a look over the balcony, this abdicating the place that God had given him as king, this looking away, this looking over the balcony, maybe there will be some victory. Maybe the peace God’s hand is bringing will come to you.”

David didn’t know that this looking away, this looking over the balcony, this abdicating the place that God had given him as king, this looking away, this looking over the balcony, this would bring the victory and exalt his Name in the midst of His people; their hearts would always be turned towards Him. God would bring the victory and exalt His Name in the midst of His people; their hearts would always be turned towards Him.

However, in this season of war, David’s eyes and mind were occupied by a diversionary pursuit. We know what he did—he ran and ran and ran. He ran over the balcony, he ran over the railing and saw a beautiful woman bathing, and began to desire her in his heart.

The devil will always try to sidetrack you from the true calling of God. For David the issue was lust, but it could just as easily have been the pursuit of fame or fortune, or personal comfort, outside the will of God for his life. It could have been the desire for unrighteous vengeance, as he had been betrayed by many. But his eye looked over the balcony, and in a time when kings were occupied by a diversionary pursuit, David’s eyes and mind were occupied by a diversionary pursuit.

I want to ask you a question. In the secret times, when you are alone just like David was, what are you focusing on that you think will bring fulfillment into your life? What are your eyes fixed on when you are alone? What is that that is taking you away from the true calling of God. For whom the Lord corrects—For whom the Lord loves he corrects; even as a father his son in whom he delights. Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding.”

The scales fell off David’s eyes and he realized his true calling. He acknowledged his sin and repented before the Lord.

Psychological Warfare

Now the devil will always try to tell you that the testing or temptation is something unusual, something that has not happened before. But Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:13, “There hath no temptation taken you but as much as is common to man.” (Matthew 26:33). The singleness of eye in the scriptures means that your temptation can be likened to psychological warfare. Modern-day psychological warfare is when planes of the enemy fly over the army they are intending to conquer and drop disinformation leaflets. The leaflets seemingly fall from heaven, and unsuspecting people pick them up. The objective of psychological warfare is to give false reports of troops’ strengths, locations and victories. This is how the devil operates. “Oh, just give up! Why fight the way you’re fighting? Just go home and take a look over the balcony, this abdicating the place that God had given him as king, this looking away, this looking over the balcony, maybe there will be some victory. Maybe the peace God’s hand is bringing will come to you.”

David didn’t know that this looking away, this looking over the balcony, this abdicating the place that God had given him as king, this looking away, this looking over the balcony, this would bring the victory and exalt his Name in the midst of His people; their hearts would always be turned towards Him. God would bring the victory and exalt His Name in the midst of His people; their hearts would always be turned towards Him.
THE CHURCH NEEDS TO GO FORTH INTO BATTLE
David's life exhibits the struggles we all face at some point in our lives. He was not exempt.

But his eye looked over the balcony, as he had been betrayed by many. He began to desire her in his heart. He saw a beautiful woman bathing, and thought, “Oh, just give up! Why fight the way you’re fighting? Just go home and take over the balcony. Maybe there will be something there that will interest you.” No wonder Paul makes a reference to the balcony in Romans 13:13, “Let us lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.”

The devil will always try to sidetrack us from the true calling of God. For instance, when David was about to go into battle, he was being sidetracked. He was thinking, “Oh, just give up! Why fight the way you’re fighting? Just go home and take over the balcony. Maybe there will be something there that will interest you.”

David didn’t know that this looking away, this looking over the balcony, this abdicating the place that God had given him as king, would bring him to the abandoning of righteous for personal lust. He didn’t realize that this would lead him to adultery, murder and a loss of the kingdom he had been given. Just as the devil had tried to convince David, he will try to convince us even today.

The scales fell off David’s eyes and he realized his true condition. He acknowledged his sin and repented before the Lord.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE
Now the devil will always try to tell you that you’ve lost your calling or that you’re too deep into this, and you can’t get out. He tries to convince you that the testing or temptation is something unusual, something that has not happened before. But Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:13, “There hath no temptation taken you but as is common to man.”

Satan’s attack on our lives can be likened to psychological warfare. Modern-day psychological warfare is when planes of the enemy fly over the army they are intending to conquer and drop disinformation leaflets. The leaflets seemingly fall from heaven, and unsuspecting people pick them up. The objective of psychological warfare is to give false reports of troops’ strengths, locations and victories. This is how the devil operates. “Oh, just give up! Why fight the way you’re fighting? Just go home and take over the balcony. Maybe there will be something there that will interest you.”

Though you might say, “God could still speak to him. You acknowledged his sin and repented before the Lord.”

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. For if there that light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! (Matthew 6:23). The singleness of eye in the scriptures means that your eyes are fixed on what you want and choose Jesus Christ to be glorified in your life. Are you looking for God’s glory to be made manifest?

ASSIMILATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE
Nowhere better do we see Satan’s leaflet campaign than in 2 Kings 18:19. There was a king named Hezekiah who was only 25 years old when he began to reign in Jerusalem.

Hezekiah became strong in the midst of battle. He broke into pieces the bronze snake that Moses had made. There had been two serpents in Egypt, and at that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. (It was called Nebuchadnezzar, in the text, the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of the nations who were after him. He held fast to the Lord and did not cease to follow him. He kept the commands the Lord had given him. And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.” (2 Kings 18:3-7, NIV).

Assyria is always symbolic of mixture. When Assyria conquered a nation, the people were taken and divided throughout different kingdoms they had conquered. This caused the people to intermarry with other nations as well as the Assyrians. The now conquered and integrated people would lose their own culture. We find this same kind of assimilation and conquering taking place in the church of Jesus Christ, not only throughout history, but also in our own generation. Assimilation means that the church is losing its strength—but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me?...If you say to me, ‘We are depending on the Lord our God’—isn’t he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, ‘You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem’?...Furthermore, have I come to attack and destroy this place without word from the Lord? The Lord himself told me to march against this country and destroy it...Then the commander stood and called out in Hebrew: ‘Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria...’ This is what the king of Assyria says: Make peace with me and come out to me, and eat fruit of your own vine and fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, until I come and take you to a land like your own, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and honey. Choose life and not death!” (2 Kings 18:19–32 NIV).

THE PROPAGANDA OF THE ENEMY
The enemy comes in with his propaganda and begins to assault you. Though you might say, “God is going to fight for me,” the enemy says, “No! I say you have failed in your service and worship of God.”

When you take the propaganda of the devil and spread it out before God, the Lord will speak victory into your life.

The king of Assyria continues to come against Jerusalem and taunts the king of Judah, “What are you going to lay claim to this confidence of yours? You say you have strategy and military strength— but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me?” (2 Kings 18:19-20). If you say to me, “We are depending on the Lord our God”— isn’t he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, “You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem”?” Furthermore, have we come to attack and destroy this place without word from the Lord? The Lord himself told me to march against this country and destroy it...Then the commander stood and called out in Hebrew: ‘Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria...’ This is what the king of Assyria says: Make peace with me and come out to me, and eat fruit of your own vine and fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, until I come and take you to a land like your own, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and honey. Choose life and not death!” (2 Kings 18:19–32 NIV).
YOUR ENEMIES WILL LEAVE SUDDENLY AND BE ASHAMED

He is beginning to realize that he has to go, because the Word of God has started to come forth.

After Hezekiah received this message from the enemy, he went immediately into the house of the Lord, and spread the letters before God. He asked God, “Is this report true? Is the ministry you once gave to me over? Have I missed it? Are you angry with me? Are my enemies overcoming me because of something in my life?” When you take the propaganda of the devil and spread it out before God, the Lord will speak victory into your life. You will find that Jesus Christ is not only a Lamb, but he is also a Lion that hates our iniquity. The devil doesn’t understand God. He does not know that Jesus Christ is not only a Lamb, but also a Lion. The devil desperately wants you for his purposes. The devil’s propaganda is a complete wrong concept of God, and God is very angry with us.

Beloved, you may have bought into all the lies of the devil for five, ten, or even fifteen years. You could be reading this with a completely wrong concept of God and who you are in Christ, but God only needs to send one angel, one word, one messenger, one blast of truth and 115 arguments fall to the ground—dead. God is not against you. God is for you. God is not angry with you; God loves you with a passionate love. You are on the winning side, not on the losing side.

God’s part is to defeat all your enemies. Your part is to say, “Get away from me, all workers of iniquity, the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.” When you do, there is no limit to what God can do through your life.

CARTER CONLON
Carter Conlon is senior pastor of Times Square Church, where he has been on the pastoral staff since 1994.

I have a message from God that will set you free from your enemies. He wants to do something sovereign on your behalf. He will act powerfully in the situation you are facing and in the place where you are under the greatest attack. Your enemies will leave suddenly and be ashamed.

During a time of deep distress in his life, King David cried out, “O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me again; I am threshed and smitten with wind; I cried out with my groaning; all the night I make my bed to swim and I water my couch with my tears. My eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies. Depart from me, all workers of iniquity for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping; the Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. Let all mine enemies be ashamed and see sore vexed; let them return and be ashamed suddenly” (Psalm 6:1-10).

When David wrote this psalm, he felt that God was looking down at him with hot displeasure. David was sure God was fiercely angry with him. In verse 2, he says, “Have mercy, O Lord, for I am weak, my bones are vexed.” At that particular moment, David’s perception of how God felt about him had taken away his strength. Even David, a wonderful young man of God who was anointed to be king, found himself with a skewed perspective of how God saw him and it left him consumed with grief.

BE CAREFUL WHICH VOICES YOU LISTEN TO

Listen to the cry of David in verses 3 through 5: “Oh, how long will you be angry with me? How long will it be before I feel your mercy towards me again? God, will you be angry with me forever? For in death there is no remembrance of you, and in the grave, who shall give you thanks?” He felt he was losing strength to the point that he was not going to make it, “I am weary with my groaning all night and make my bed to swim and I water my couch with tears, I lament day and night.” Now if David were our contemporary, he would say, “I am depressed getting old in the sandwich generation because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies. Depart from me, all workers of iniquity for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. Let all mine enemies be ashamed and see sore vexed; let them return and be ashamed suddenly.”

If you have embraced a wrong perception of God like David, or if the enemy has substituted it in place of contrary arguments about God in your thoughts, you can get to the point where you feel you are not going to make it. Once you have believed the enemy’s lie, he will turn around and begin to accuse God of not being faithful to you; and accuse you of not being faithful to God. He will confront your faith because there is no other way he can defeat you. The devil’s endgame is to get you to give up, because he wants you with him in hell for all of eternity.

Looking at David’s time of distress, you know he was undoubtedly a righteousness man, pursuing the heart of God, but was caught off guard by an enemy. Beloved, being righteous does not mean you will not have struggles. Although you have trusted God for your salvation and desire to live a life that truly glorifies Jesus Christ, at times you find yourself in difficulties. The moment you became a pursuer of God, you became a target of darkness. You will find yourself in a war in which you have never known before. It is not a war because you are unrighteous; it is a war because you are walking with God and are in right standing with Him. The accuser will come against you with full force; he will accuse you and he will accuse Christ, but you must understand that all is he can do.

The moment you became a pursuer of God, you became a target of darkness.

Jesus said, “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:10). This pursuit of righteousness will invite an onslaught of opposition. The devil is not threatened by political activism; he is not even threatened by people who are