

## Man2Man-2

Gatekeepers: The Giant Killer Edition

STUDY GUIDE

*Lesson 2: Weaponized Words*

Welcome to the second installment of Gatekeepers: The Giant Killer Edition! Last month we dove deeper into the reality that our fellowship with each other is more than just about connecting, mutual support or making Christian friends. It is also a very powerful weapon against the enemy and his attacks. If we want to stand in our gates, conducting ourselves for God's good, the enemy is going to do his best to stop us. But, God has ordained weapons of warfare that render the enemy's best to fail...if we wield those weapons for effect. Connecting with each other, amps up the power. Agreeing with each other in prayer gives specific direction. And all of this is on top of the other incredible benefits of Christians connecting. Hopefully you took this to heart and found ways this past month to connect with other believers to purposely wield this weapon against the enemy. When two or three gather together, he is not match for what God will do.

In this installment, we're going to look at another weapon of warfare that God has given to us for the purpose of conquest against an enemy bent on our destruction. In fact, we're going to look at three versions of this weapon, all with one thing in common: Words. This month we will look at the Word of God, God's promises and Our Words. In each case we'll see how being trained up is directly related to the effectiveness of our wielding. And we'll get glimpses of just how much more we can be on the conquering in that we have been. It is time to unleash Jesus through words...

### **Week One: The Word of God**

For Gatekeepers who have been set free to do God's good, the Word of God is many things. It is our teacher. Our handbook. Our guide. Our standard. But it is also something else. It is a weapon. This week we're going to look at what this means.

#### **Scripture: Hebrews 4:12**

1. What does it mean by the Word of God being "living and active?"

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2. But it is also very "sharp." By using this picture, how is the writer of Hebrews characterizing the Word of God?

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3. Now, put the answers to those two questions together and what is the message or picture that you get?

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4. Finally, is there any significance to just how precisely this weapon cuts? And if so, what does that teach us about wielding it?

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5. Read Acts 2:37

- a. Who is being cut to the heart? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What were they cut to the heart about? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. With what were they cut to the heart? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. How can this be applied in your gate(s)?

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**Scripture: Ephesians 6:17**

1. How is the Word of God described in this text? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does this say about the primary nature of God's Word?  
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3. With this in mind, do you feel the Church of today generally views God's Word in this way? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of walk do you end up with when you view God's Word as primarily a source to learn more about Jesus and a guide to how to walk with him?  
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5. What kind of walk do you end up with when you view God's Word as primarily a weapon of warfare against the powers of darkness in the heavenly realms?  
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6. Is it either/or, or is it a question of which role is primary?  
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7. Based on the preceding answer, what should how you are standing in your gate look like (and are any changes in order)?  
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8. Changing gears a bit, how does this particular weapon fit in with, compliment, enhance the other weapons Paul lists in this armor of God?  
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9. And finally, with all of this in mind, what is now your perspective of our actual enemy, the princes of darkness? Here's a hint: Joshua 10:24.

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Scriptures: Revelation 1:16, 2:16, 19:15, 19:21

1. Just how powerful is this weapon?

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2. Name anything you're up against that this weapon can't overcome...

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3. Why would it be strategic for you to make the decision to begin to more than ever familiarize yourself constantly with this weapon?

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4. Finally, tagging on to last month's discussion, how might doing this with other Christians make this process even more powerful?

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### Week Two: God's Promises

We've looked at the Word of God from the perspective of warriors able to stand in our Gates as we wield the weapons God has designed and given to us. We've seen that along with learning more about God and getting guidance from God, His Word is also designed to damage the enemy. This week we're going to look a little closer at that and try to answer the question: How can we wield God's words to effect? We're going to start with God's words to us, his promises.

**Scriptures:** 2 Corinthians 1:20, Isaiah 55:11

1. What do these two scriptures tell you about the Promises of God?

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2. How certain are his promises?

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3. Read each of the following Scriptures. They are examples of promises of God. Then write out for each of them a personalized version of each Scripture.

- a. Deuteronomy 28:13

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b. Joshua 1:9

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c. Joshua 10:24-25

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i. Note: Review, who are your enemies?

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d. Isaiah 54:17

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e. Matthew 7:11

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f. Matthew 17:20

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i. Note: Name your mountains.

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g. Psalm 30:7

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h. Matthew 18:19

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i. Luke 11:9-10

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j. Romans 8:31-32

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i. Note: What does John 3:16 add to this promise?

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k. Philippians 4:19

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l. I John 5:14

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i. Note: What is the subject of “according to his will?” Is it what we are asking for or could it be *that* we are ask? What difference does this make?

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1. Note: What does adding Hebrews 4:16 do to this promise?

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m. Ecclesiastes 8:4

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i. Note: Why does this apply to you (Romans 8:17, Galatians 3:29)?

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n. John 14:12

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o. Acts 1:8

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i. Note: What thing further does 2 Timothy 3:5 teach us about this promise?

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p. Deuteronomy 8:18

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q. Deuteronomy 28:12

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r. Deuteronomy 28:13

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s. Malachi 3:10

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t. Matthew 6:33

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u. Psalm 5:12

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v. Psalm 16:8 and 56:9

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w. 1 John 4:4 (2 Kings 6)

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i. Note: According to 2 Kings 6 and Ephesians 6:12, who is in the world?

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x. Psalm 71:21

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y. Psalm 115:14

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z. 2 Peter 1:3

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aa. Jude 1:24

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bb. Ephesians 3:20

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cc. Job 33:25

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dd. Psalm 103:2-5

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ee. 1 Peter 2:24

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ff. Isaiah 40:28-31; 41:10-13

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4. That is a small sampling of God's promises. That being said, let's consider the next few questions:

- a. Are any of them hard to personalize for you? \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Why or why not?

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- b. If these promises are indeed true for you, how specifically will that impact your life?

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- i. Is there anything the enemy can do to stop this?

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- c. What can you do going forward to make sure that you receive these promises in your life?

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The answer to this last question will get its own deeper dive in next week's lesson. What we do with that answer will determine how effective for God we will be in our gates.

### Week Three: Our Words

So far this month we've looked at the Word of God from the perspective of a warrior standing his ground in his gate. Along with it teaching us and guiding us, God's Word is also an offensive weapon against which the enemy has no defense.

We continued that case by looking at God's promises, how sure they are as well as a sampling we personalized. But now it is time to wield this weapon for effect. In this section, we'll look at our authority, our confidence in God's word and his promises and how we can either chose to speak life into our empty or challenging spaces, or death. We're going to look at our words...

**Scriptures:** Mark 13:34, Luke 9:1, Acts 1:8, Romans 15:13, I Corinthians 4:20, Ephesians 3:20, Ephesians 6:10, 1 Thessalonians 1:5, 2 Timothy 1:7

1. Review all of these Scriptures keeping in mind what we've learned about God's word, his promises and answer the following questions:

- a. Who lives in every believer? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What is his major attribute according to these scriptures? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. When we speak according to his speech, what major attribute would we then have? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. What is the best way to make sure we our words mirror the Spirit?  
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- e. When we speak God's Word and his promises over our giants, how does that impact our giants?  
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- f. Speaking God's Word over our giants is called speaking life. However, too many times we instead speak defeat, fear, stress, death...allowing our giants leverage. How can learning to speak life in the name of Jesus and his spirit that lives in each of us turn things around? Remember, that question is asked believing God's promises are true...  
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- g. What can you start doing today to begin to speak life over the giants? Here's a hint. The first part is: Believe God. The second part... K \_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_!

This study is just the beginning of the journey to invincibility for those of us to learn to live in the power of God, trust his promises and claim the authority he's sealed into each of those who have his Spirit. It is time for you to start letting the giants know who is in charge. It is time to start letting the mountains know where they stand. It is time for God's Gatekeepers to start wielding his Word, using their own words to take back what the enemy has stolen and subsequently destroy the gates of hell.

Next month: Weaponized Worship!