

DOORS PT.5

SET LIST (worship optional)

Gone by Elevation Worship
The Passion by Hillsong Worship
Stand Forever by Todd Dulaney
Fearless by Jonathan Nelson

OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Pastor Ron said, "Family humbles you, friends comfort you and enemies promote you." No one knew David until he killed Goliath. So who promoted David? His enemy Goliath. Just think about this: What if God has sent your adversary so you can reach the next level? Maybe your difficulties are an assignment from God. Has any good come from a difficult situation? Did you feel promoted after you defeated your enemy?
- Read Matthew 26:47-51. Betrayal was part of Jesus' process
 to the cross and resurrection. Your enemies may be God's
 greatest friends to your future. What we may not understand is
 that enemies create movement in our life. Without Judas
 betraying Jesus there would be no reason for Jesus to go to the

cross. We think that Peter was one of Jesus' greatest friend and if we **Read Matthew 16:17-23** we see that Jesus says, "get behind me satan!" Peter was trying to keep Jesus from his destiny and his will. Judas was a gateway for Jesus to accomplishing his purpose. Some of your greatest moments can come from your greatest difficulties. There are many battles that you have to fight but welcome them as a friend. The short-term betrayal is your friend. What would it look like if you were in battle with a smile on your face and arms wide open? How do you think people would respond if they betray you and all you do is love on them?

• Read Hebrews 1:13. The footstool allows you to reach the next level. Your enemies are not there to crush you but to lift you! Could it be that God has brought your enemy in your life so they can be a footstool to your next level? Your enemy is so frustrated because you are still here and praising. Fight your enemy knowing what's on the other side of your door and don't just defeat them, outlast them. What are some practical things you can do to outlast your enemies? What advice would you give to someone (who is not a believer) on how to outlast his or her enemies?

CHALLENGE

This week look at your enemies or people that are trying to keep you from your promise and focus on how you can fight them. Start living your life the way you would after you walk through your promised door.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for those that don't know how to praise and celebrate through the hard times. Give them peace and ask the Lord to open a door for you to show them who God is and how we really fight our battles.