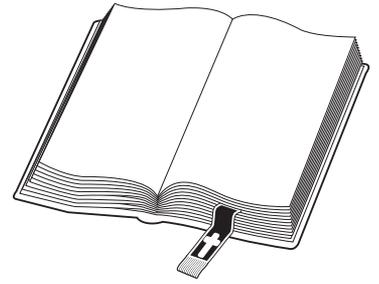


Lord, I Confess My Weaknesses

"I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the very end."

Psalm 119:112



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Beloved, since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, we have been brought face to face with our weaknesses! We may not realize how many things and people we trust in and look to for our security—until something happens that is out of our control. Then we see just how weak we really are and how much we need the help and strength of Jesus Christ daily.

Sometimes we feel like we are experiencing a terrorist attack when: 1) a loved one dies suddenly; 2) a marriage ends in divorce; 3) your wife or daughter has an abortion; 4) you lose your job; 5) your mate commits adultery; 6) a family member is addicted to drugs, pornography, gambling, or alcohol; 7) you or a loved one has serious physical problems; 8) depression hits you or a family member; 9) Satan's terrorist attacks against your marriage and your children; 10) Satan's constant attacks on the church of Jesus Christ; 11) the daily attacks on our mind and emotions; 12) the never-ending attacks of temptations; and 13) suicide.

Beloved, the list of ways that Satan attacks all true believers is endless. We could be consumed by fear, doubt, worry, and anxiety daily. On top of all of the daily attacks on our lives we have had to deal with the terrorist attacks that have been on the United States and other nations exemplified by September 11.

I grew up in World War II. Scotland was one of the countries bombed night and day for years. We were the greatest shipbuilding country in the world at that time, and Germany was determined to destroy us. I lived approximately 10 minutes from the shipyards, and on the other side, approximately two to three minutes' walk from the British Broadcasting station.

I own a large book full of pictures of Glasgow, Scotland, where I was born, clearly showing the effects of the bombs. I even have a picture of the street that I lived on after it was bombed. I lived in air raid shelters and wore a gas mask. I lived among the burning buildings and saw my beautiful country destroyed. I lived for years among terrified men, women, children, dead bodies, and parts of bodies. There was no time to clean up the destruction because the attacks went from occurring only at night to occurring day and night, relentlessly day after day. The majority of our men were at war. That meant that a lot of the firefighting and rescue work was done by our women.

Beloved, as individuals and a nation, we need to humble ourselves and cry out to God in repentance. We need to admit our weaknesses and ask for HIS AMAZING GRACE to strengthen us. He alone has the power to help us. I want to emphasize that again. Only our Lord has the power to help us against the terrorist attacks that come in the life of every believer as well as what is coming from other countries towards us. Unbeliever, today is the day to surrender your life to Jesus Christ. He alone is your security. You cannot help yourself. Only Christ can help you in your different situations.

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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