**BREAKING THE SPIRIT OF LIMBO**

*6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”*

John 5:6 (NIV)

*23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.*

Deuteronomy 6:23 (KJV)

*28 “But he was angry and refused to go in...”*

Luke 15:28a (ESV)

I. The enemy couldn’t keep you from coming out so he wants to keep you from going in. You are a threat if you get in.

A. The enemy wants your peace. What good is a blessing when you can’t enjoy it for fear of losing it?

B. When you don’t have peace you can’t enjoy anything you have. (Philippians 4:6-8)

*6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.*

C. When the enemy can’t get to you with what happened he’ll tempt you with what might happen.

D. We are often paralyzed by a possibility. “What if...”

E. We are all controlled by fictional realities things that are real but are not reality.

F. The devil is a terrorist that uses anxiety about the future to paralyze us in limbo.

G. He wants you in limbo. An uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution an intermediate state or condition

H. To be in limbo is to be caught between two stages and it’s unclear what will happen next.

I. We often languish on the cusp halfway between winter and spring time balancing the past and future on the fulcrum of the present.

J. We dip between shame regarding the past or fear regarding the future.

II. The power of in between

A. Many people die in between.

B. Moses prayed to die in between.

C. Elijah prayed to die in between.

D. Job wanted to die in between.

E. Moses smote a rock in between.

F. Elijah ran in between.

G. Peter swore and cut off a servant’s ear in between.

H. Between coming out of Egypt and spying out the promised land, the children of Israel murmured.

I. John the Baptist was confused in between.

J. Mary and Martha were disturbed in between.

K. It’s normal to be in between but if we remain there it becomes limbo and deadly.

III. Breaking the spirit of limbo.

\* We all need to corporately renounce the stronghold of limbo.