

**The Amazing Power of ONE Galatians 5:7**  
**Who doeth hinder you?**

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Gal 5:7 Ye did run well; **who did hinder you** that ye should not obey the truth?

Many instances in the Bible of the good that ONE did:

- \* Little boy picnic lunch 5 loaves and 2 fishes
- \* ONE little maid has the answer to the cure for the great Captain Naaman's disease of leprosy
- \* The ONE woman at the well started a revival in her city
- \* Jonathan Edwards, ONE man, preached ONE message that sparked a great revival that swept the land

I want to speak to you about the hindrances and the damages ONE can cause. ONE can cause a mountain of trouble and hinderance in the life of a child of God. It takes only ONE. The damage ONE is capable of doing is beyond our comprehension. ONE can bring you down. It is said "ONE rotten potato can ruin the entire sack of potatoes."

Who or what is that ONE in your life that is the greatest hindrance to you? We will exclude self. For this message we will look outside self. Who is that ONE that is stealing the joy of your salvation? Who is the ONE who hinders you in the Lord's work and in your Christian walk?

If I, or anyone else in this audience, could look into the inner being of others, it could be seen that some are here this morning with your mind consumed by the ONE who is a thorn in your side. That one did you wrong. That one has a mission of making you miserable, and IT IS WORKING.

ONE can make you quit. ONE can sap your spirituality. IT ONLY TAKES ONE.

*I try to preach from the Bible, so I will draw from Biblical examples.*

### **Jezebel**

ONE woman put a preacher out of business, stopped his ministry. Preachers can be put out of business just like any other Christian.

### **Pharaoh**

ONE man held a nation hostage. Who has you held hostage?

### **Goliath**

ONE man stopped the army of a nation. Who is stopping you?

### **King Saul**

ONE devil make life miserable for David, the rightful king of Israel, for months. He and his 3000-soldiers army hunted David as man would hunt a game animal. ONE man named Saul made David's life miserable 24/7 for months.

Too many times, I have allowed ONE to stop me. The Devil has the power to obsess your mind with the thoughts of ONE cold-hearted, half-backslid, unspiritual church member.

What about that ONE you work with that gets under your skin?

What about that ONE neighbor that you wish would haul off those 10 junk cars where rats and possums and skunks live and breed?

I think I have figured out that living in the city may just be more peaceful than living in the country. You think the city is noisy, so, you move to the country. You get settled in. You are ready to enjoy the peaceful, quiet life of country living. Then, the neighbor buys two 100- pound bulldogs and builds a pen for them right against your property line 50 feet from your recording studio. I let that get to me. I never said anything, but it ate me up inside. I let it hinder me. That, my friend, is an example of how ONE can disturb your walk with the Lord.

This message on the POWER OF ONE came to me when we studied Psalm 55 recently. Will you please turn there?

We know from II Samuel 15 that Absalom, David's favorite son, stole the hearts of the people of his father David's kingdom. In the setting of Psalm 55, the city of Jerusalem is in a state of rioting.

*Psalm 55:9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city. 10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.*

David is in exile in the wilderness. He is sad and angry and has, no doubt, many other emotions. ONE son is ruining his life. ONE person can ruin your spiritual walk. He can't worship God. His heart is possessed with the bad of ONE person. ONE person, his rotten son, Absalom, is to the point of ruining David's walk with God. ONE person can bring you down.

Notice that this is the enemy of the worst kind. *Psalm 55:12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: 13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. 14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.*

Oh yes, a friend can cause you more problems than an enemy. A "brother in Christ" can get crossways spiritually and bow up like a bullfrog. A "friend" can nearly kill you. Ahithophel, who went to church with David and was a member of David's cabinet, sided with Absalom.

**David never went down, and you do not have to allow ONE to bring you down.**

*Ps 55:18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.*

One ole buzzard rises up and gets all your attention. David stopped for a moment to think. Absalom, that is just ONE. I go now to II Samuel 15 and we see David had ONE bad apple against him and the Devil had him thinking defeat, defeat, defeat.

- 1) II Samuel 15:15 he still had his servants. I wish the church had more servants. It is not what the servants do, it is their loyalty. The king makes a mistake. All kings and preachers and teachers and deacons and trustees and welders and machinists and mechanics and truck drivers make mistakes. Nevertheless, the servants remain true
- 2) II Samuel 15:16 David still had his family
- 3) II Samuel 15:18 David still had his friends from Gath- 600 of them. He urged their leader to take the men a so away. David didn't feel it appropriate that he drag these men from Gath into battle with him (II Samuel 15:19-20). However, Ittai, the leader, would not relent. He said to David in II Samuel 15:21 (read).
- 4) II Samuel 15:24 David had the priest and the priesthood.
- 5) II Samuel 15:32 David had Hushai, a close, faithful, longtime friend (verse 37)

Don't let ONE take you down.

- \* You have the family of God.
- \* You have the Holy Spirit.
- \* You have God as your father.
- \* You have the Son of God as your lawyer.
- \* You have the Bible

