

“Not Again!!”

By Roberto Bruno

Last weekend I was abruptly awoken in the middle of the night by a knock on the front door. When I opened the door there stood a SFPD officer. The officer told me my neighbor called 911 because my car was broken into. My response was “Not Again!” I really have lost count on how many times our cars have been broken into. At this point it is more annoying than anything else. On this particular occasion the thieves broke the side window in the car to get in. I talked to my neighbor the next day and he told me the thieves were four guys that worked together like a team and that they were very organized and very brazen (bold).

As Christians we have an enemy of our souls that wants to steal all that God has given us especially our salvation. He is very organized and very brazen. *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...”* John 10:10. Satan is in the business of ripping people off. He doesn’t want what’s in our car but Satan is very interested in stealing our spiritual treasures. The things that have value with God and are of eternal significance (*Peace, Joy, Love, Kindness, Patience, Honesty, Salvation...*). Satan’s first move is petty larceny. Once he manages that, he can move on to actual killing and from there to mass destruction. **“Steal, kill, and destroy.”** In John 10:10 Jesus is warning us that the thief wants to mislead and deceive us so he can lead us away from God.

Jesus reassures us in John 10:9 that He is the right way. *“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture”*. The phrase **“go in and out”** was a common Jewish saying. If a person could come and go without difficulty or danger it meant they were safe and secure, plus they had peace and tranquility. The verse also tells us that we will **“find pasture”**. Jesus is the only door that leads to the true pasture of health and lasting nourishment for our souls. *“For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness”*. Psalms 107:9.

Let’s not forget what God is capable of. The enemy is a liar and that’s all he does is lie. Let’s not get sucked up into the thief’s negativity. The God we serve came to bring us so much more than this world or anyone else can offer. *“...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”* John 10:10.



Yes! This is our broken car window.