

**Final Thoughts:**

**Is it possible that God is active and working all around you and you're missing it? Ask God to give you eyes to see what He's up to.**

**What parts of your life are still off-limits to God? Will you give him permission to take back that part of your house?**

**Have you bought into the picnic mentality? Are you pursuing a self-indulgent lifestyle?**

**Do you believe that we live in a spiritual war zone? Why?**

**Do you trust the foolishness of the cross to overcome evil?**

**Jesus fought profound evil with profound love. How and where can you do the same?**

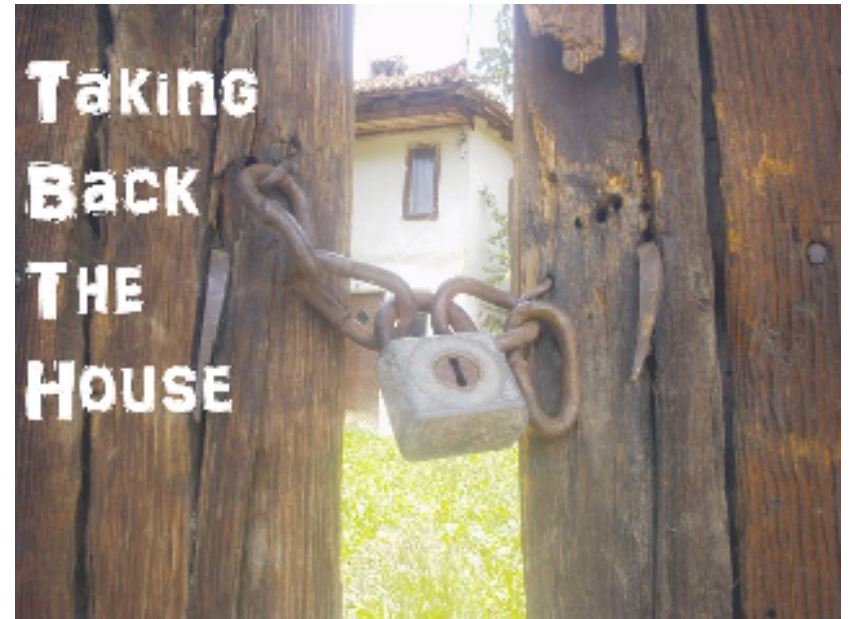
**We are called to do battle in the name of Jesus and in the way of Jesus. Will you?**

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**Taking Back the House**  
**Luke 11:14-22**

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## **The Story**

- **Jesus casts out a mute demon**
- **Some are amazed, others aren't convinced and some accuse Jesus of being in league with the Devil**
- **Jesus responds with a rationale argument –his accusers aren't making any sense**

***1. If I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.***

- **'finger of God' is a reference to Ex. 8**
- **Even Pharaoh's magicians recognized God's presence and power**

***2. Jesus tells a story to explain what is really going on and why he's come.***

- **It's more than an arrangement between Jesus and the Father to pay for our sins**
- **Jesus has come to overpower the strong man (Satan) and take back the house (our world) and free us from slavery**
- **This Biblical world view is not understood by much of the West**

***3. This level of insanity requires a supernatural explanation.***

- **Our world is oppressed, our minds are polluted, our spirits are dulled, our hearts are hardened**
- **We, the Church, need to wake up and understand that we live in a war zone**

***4. Jesus declares that he's been sent to take back God's house.***

- **He does so by living a sinless life and giving up his life as a sacrifice of love**
- **Jesus overpowers evil with love**
- **This is how we take back the house**

***5. Join Jesus in taking back the house.***

- **Take back our hearts, our minds, our bodies**
- **Take back our families, our neighbours and the world by replicating Calvary – by living a life of self-sacrificial love**

To our most bitter opponents we say: We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We shall meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will, and we shall continue to love you...be ye assured that we will wear you down by our capacity to suffer. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. (1957)

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