

# Arresting Accusation – Part Three

## Overcoming the Accuser/Accusation

- **Confession takes two:** one voices confession/ one receives their confession and voices forgiveness and prayer for healing.
- **Accusation takes two:** one who voices accusation/ one who receives, commiserates, harbors and multiplies the effect
- **Revelation 12:11—Overcome by: Blood of the Lamb, Word of our testimony, not loving our lives even to death.**
  - **3 Significant Ways We Become a Part of the Resistance**
    - **Blood of the Lamb**
    - **Word of my testimony**
    - **Not loving my life** (psyche:life of the soul) **even to death**
- Listen for accusation—it often comes ‘veiled’ in the church (people may not say something outright—only imply).
- Accusation introduces doubt/suspicion with the turn of a phrase
- Evil one is looking for someone to devour—I Peter 5:8
- Watch for frequent troublers (when division begins to be inserted—can it be traced back to the same individual? ( Read Titus 3:10)

## Making an Arrest:

- **Ask:** Where/who is the source of this information? (Get names to get to the source).  
Why are you sharing this with me?  
State out loud what you think you hear them saying and ask if that is what they meant?  
Are you willing to participate in the healing of the Body of Christ in this situation?
- **Then:** Come to the defense of the one being accused  
Cling to truth/ Word  
Recognize/Resist/Rebuke—James 4:7  
Role of intercessor—Hebrews 7:25
- Do not receive or harbor an anonymous complaint—or one received as ‘hearsay’.
- Colossians 3:5-18
- We are tempted to defend ourselves in light of accusation. Defense or blame shifting can create a separation—a wall—the defensive position is a weaker position—treating the accuser as an enemy—so the division/separation remains.

## Set A Guard

- James 5:9—Do not complain against (consider Meriam)
- Ephesians 4:29-5:2—opposite of edification (slander=blasphemies/abuse against someone)
- Matthew 15:19—False witnesses—wounding someone’s reputation (passing on hearsay), to hurt the reputation of—or to smite with reports; to speak evil of.
- Armor of God—helmet of salvation/shield of faith—against fiery darts of evil one
- Isaiah 54:17
- Psalm 139:17-18, 23-24