

Golf and the Supernatural: When a Simple Prayer Unleashed a Demon

Spiritual warfare isn't just an ancient concept from the Bible or something that only happens in far-off missionary fields—it's happening here and now, in everyday life. Just ask Pastor Jonathan Pokluda, who came face-to-face with a demonic manifestation in one of the most unexpected places: a high-end country club in Utah.

What started as a simple moment of prayer quickly escalated into something terrifying.

"He starts coughing and then the coughing goes to growling, and then his arm flies up above his head, and then back, and then around his back, and he hunches over and he just starts convulsing and making these noises," Pokluda recalls in an interview with "The Christian Post." This wasn't some third-world exorcism scene—this was a well-dressed man who had just walked off the golf course.

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"I didn't expect that at all. [...] In full transparency, I was scared and praying. It gets bigger and louder, and then it calms down. He calms down and says, 'In Jesus' name, amen.' He just looks at me, like, 'Wow, I didn't expect that.' I was like, 'Man, that makes two of us.'"

If that doesn't shake our modern, sanitized view of faith, what will?

Too often, Christians ignore the reality of spiritual warfare, dismissing it as a "fringe topic." But as Pokluda pointed out,

“If the Bible talks about it this much, we should take it seriously.” In fact, he notes that Scripture speaks more about spiritual warfare than it does about marriage. That should wake us up.

The enemy’s tactics aren’t always as dramatic as full-on possession. Often, they’re subtle—deception, distraction and destruction. “The enemy doesn’t need to make us sin outright; he just needs to keep us busy, distracted and consumed with lesser things,” Pokluda warns. And let’s be honest: how often do we pick up our Bibles only to be derailed by a buzzing phone or a social media scroll session?

But make no mistake—whether through distraction or outright attacks, Satan is after us. “You have an enemy,” Pokluda said. “He hates you. He hates your family. He hates your kids before they’re born.” If that doesn’t send a chill down your spine, nothing will.

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The Bible warns us repeatedly that Satan is prowling like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (see 1 Peter 5:8). In Ephesians 6, Paul tells us to put on the full armor of God, because we aren’t wrestling against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities and spiritual forces of evil. This battle isn’t optional—it’s happening whether we acknowledge it or not.

So, what can we do? The same thing Pokluda did when faced with demonic oppression: pray. Stand firm in the Word. Live righteously.

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Trump Declares a Golden Age for America, Can Faith Make It Reality?

In a recent video, Mike Thompson shared a vision he received on Jan. 31, 2020, during a time of prayer.

As he sought the Lord that day, he heard a phrase in his spirit: “Tick tock, tick tock, you won’t believe the time on the clock.” The words caught his attention, but no further explanation came at that moment.

Later, he was drawn into what he describes as a profound spiritual encounter.

Thompson says he saw “a large clock... it was a clock of God, it was His timetable.” This was no ordinary timepiece. It extended far beyond seconds and minutes, marking days, years, and even centuries. As he watched, he was pulled into the second hand itself and saw “thousands, maybe millions of second hands,” each representing different events in God’s plan.

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During the vision, Thompson says he heard the Lord speak: "There are many threads in the fabric of time. Donald Trump's thread will not end yet, but others will." At the time, Trump was facing impeachment, but Thompson took this as confirmation that God's plan for him was not finished. Now, in 2025, he sees that word fulfilled, stating, "We see exactly what the Lord had planned, and it was magnificent."

The vision continued, revealing a global scene. Thompson describes seeing "a globe of the world... rotating, and suddenly faces began to come off of the Earth... faces of people that were young and old, different skin colors, different nationalities, ethnicities from every tribe and from every nation." An angel standing beside him reacted with excitement, saying, "Here they come! Here they come!" Thompson understood this to represent a great spiritual awakening, what he calls "the greatest revival that planet Earth had ever experienced numerically."

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According to Thompson, this was not a vision of the Rapture, but of mass evangelism.

He believes that God is bringing people into His Kingdom in extraordinary numbers. He also says the Lord instructed him to "continue running with the vision... train the eagles... teach My people about Third Heaven Authority." For Thompson, this means helping believers understand how to operate in the spiritual realm and step into their God-given authority.

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Genesis 6, the Nephilim and the End Times: Are We Repeating History?

Steve Deace never set out to write a book about a demonic takeover of America, but as he told “The Christian Post,” “inspiration struck me out of nowhere, and I just had to follow where it led.”

That inspiration has since turned into a best-selling novel, a hit film and now a highly anticipated sequel, “Nefarious 2.”

What makes “Nefarious” so compelling is its unapologetic confrontation with real evil. Unlike typical horror films that rely on cheap scares, the movie forces audiences to reckon with the supernatural battle raging all around us. “We didn’t want to make a cheesy faith-based film,” Deace explained. “We wanted to confront real evil in a way that forces people to think.”

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And confront it they did. The production of “Nefarious” faced

an unusual amount of resistance—both spiritual and physical.

Deace himself nearly died from a severe MRSA infection on the day of the film's premiere. Crew members suffered car accidents and even a Catholic priest involved in the production required emergency surgery.

These unsettling occurrences only reinforced Deace's belief that the film was exposing something the enemy did not want revealed. "If the enemy didn't want this movie made, that just means we were onto something," he said.

Despite this opposition, "Nefarious" resonated deeply with audiences, spending weeks as a top-selling film on Amazon Prime and drawing both believers and skeptics alike.

Deace shared that he has received countless messages from people who found their way back to faith after watching the film. "I didn't think I could get my son back in church. I didn't think I'd get my prodigal daughter to come back, and your movie helped me bridge a divide," he recalled hearing from viewers.

The upcoming sequel, "Nefarious 2," will dive even deeper into spiritual warfare, exploring the impossibility of neutrality in the battle between good and evil. Deace warned that the protagonist, Dr. James Martin, will learn firsthand that "there's only two sides to the war." Neutrality, as "Nefarious" reveals, is a dangerous illusion.

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As reported by "The Christian Post," Deace sees this project

as more than just entertainment; it's a mission. "We have to stop playing nice and start confronting people with reality." In a culture that increasingly rejects the concept of sin and spiritual warfare, 'Nefarious' serves as a much-needed wake-up call.

For Christians, the battle against darkness is not theoretical—it's real, and it's relentless.

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This Biblical Artifact Reveals a Chilling Truth About the End Times

Perry Stone's latest video discussion explores how ancient biblical customs and artifacts provide insight into end-times prophecy. In the video, he examines key biblical symbols—such as oil lamps, grinding at the mill and an ancient tool called the tribulum—to illustrate themes of separation and judgment described in Scripture.

Through historical context and scriptural analysis, Stone connects these elements to what he believes is a prophetic message about the Tribulation and the coming of the end times.

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Understanding Biblical Culture

Stone begins with a simple but crucial point: “The biblical culture was different than our culture today.” He reminds us that to truly understand scripture, we have to step outside of our modern world and into the ancient one. That means recognizing that when Jesus spoke about lamps, tombs and even grinding at the mill, He wasn’t using modern imagery—He was pulling from the everyday life of His time.

Take the parable of the 10 virgins from Matthew 25. “You read the Bible talk... keep your lamp trimmed and burning—we use light bulbs. What does it mean to keep a lamp trimmed and burning?” Stone explains that in Jesus’ day, lamps weren’t electric but clay vessels filled with oil and a wick. If the oil ran out, the flame died. A simple but powerful metaphor: without preparation, you’re left in darkness.

Then there’s the matter of graves. “We bury people six feet under—they do not do that in the Middle East,” he says. Instead, Jewish burial customs placed bodies in limestone boxes above ground, a practice that reshapes how we visualize biblical tombs. Even the manger we associate with Christmas wasn’t the wooden structure of Western nativity scenes but “made of stone... a feeding trough for the animals.”

Is Liquid Death’s “Sell Your Soul” Campaign Just a Joke?

At first glance, Liquid Death—yes, the water brand—might seem like a clever marketing gimmick. They package their product in edgy, beer-style cans, slap on some irreverent branding and call it a day. But their latest campaign has taken things to a new level: they’re inviting people to “sell their soul” in

exchange for free membership in their so-called “Country Club.”

Christian YouTuber Kap Chatfield recently tackled this topic in a now-viral video, questioning whether this is just harmless fun or something much darker.

“The extremely famous water company Liquid Death is now inviting customers to sign a contract to sell their souls,” Chatfield points out. And as he digs deeper, the implications become more unsettling.

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The Contract: More Than Just a Joke?

Chatfield highlights a section of the actual contract, which states: “This bill of sale for one Eternal human soul... is executed and delivered by [blank], the seller, to Liquid Death, a Delaware corporation.” He responds plainly: “Guys, I mean, I’m just being honest—that’s crazy.”

For many, this is where the debate begins. Skeptics argue that it’s just a publicity stunt, a tongue-in-cheek way to grab attention. But Chatfield notes, there’s a deeper problem: “They’re going to tap into people who just think that all this spiritual stuff is just entertainment.”

Liquid Death's Occult Ties

The campaign alone would be concerning enough, but Liquid Death doesn't stop there. In 2022, they literally hired a practicing witch to cast spells on the outcome of a Super Bowl bet. In a promotional video, the witch states, "Through the means of witchcraft, I can affect the outcome of the game."

Chatfield responds bluntly: "Like, it's just a game, it's just entertainment—meanwhile, they're literally hiring a witch to try to manipulate the outcome of a game." His concern is clear: why is a water company putting real money behind witchcraft if it's all just a joke?

Look for Kap Chatfield's upcoming new book through Charisma House, releasing early 2026!

But it gets even more disturbing. Liquid Death released another marketing stunt where a self-proclaimed witch "summons demons and traps them inside cans of water." The witch in the video proclaims, "Now is the time of the dead. I ask you, spirits, those who are listening."

Chatfield reacts strongly: "I'm not going to lie—even while watching this, my spirit is like, 'I cancel all of that in the name of Jesus. I rebuke that. I shut that down in the Spirit, in the mighty name of Jesus.'"

What Does the Bible Say?

For Christians, the question isn't just about whether Liquid Death's marketing is distasteful—it's what Scripture teaches regarding participation in the occult. Chatfield references 1 Corinthians 10:21, which says, "You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too."

He warns fellow believers, "If you say that you're a Christian and you're supposed to be holy—which means to be set apart—but

you're participating with witchcraft... what are you doing?"

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Why Christians Should Pay Attention

So, what's the takeaway? Should Christians be afraid of Liquid Death?

No.

Chatfield reminds us, "We have the upper hand. We got King Jesus, for crying out loud, who literally—the devils tremble at the name of Jesus. So why are we trembling at these devils?"

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Are We the Last Generation? Daniel's Prophecies May Hold the Shocking Truth