

Divine Deliverance: 5 Biblical Roles

The goal of deliverance ministry is that you never come back—the same as in any post-surgery doctor visit. If you follow the prescribed steps to remain healthy and faithfully take your medication, you should not need to return to the hospital for further surgery, except in extreme cases. The gospel is sufficient. Jesus is sufficient. The Word of God is sufficient. And submitting to God and resisting the devil, as His Word sets forth, work.

Identity comparisons are effective analogies comparing believers to job descriptions or statuses to help them understand ways that God wants us to operate. They are found in multiple places in the New Testament epistles and the Synoptic Gospels in the form of parables or analogies. Examples include when Jesus compared us to vineyard workers (Matt. 20:1–16) and to wedding guests (Matt. 22:1–14). These analogies give us greater understanding of our identity and responsibility in Christ.

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As I teach in my new book, "The Secrets to Maintaining Your Deliverance," the Gospels contain five analogies that help the saints understand their Christian responsibilities:

1. The soldier.
2. The athlete.
3. The shepherd.

4. The farmer.
5. The bride.

No. 1: Be the Loyal Soldier

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Let's start with the most obvious analogy, one that appears the most often in the New Testament and may be the best-known among believers—that of a soldier. Believers are compared to soldiers in the book of Ephesians, which goes into detail describing both our armor and our mental state in preparing for war.

What makes someone a loyal soldier? First, let's consider what a soldier is primarily known for and why the soldier's role exists. Being a soldier has three key aspects.

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