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## The question that was posed

Same question, stated three ways:

- If we're walking in our authority, how can witchcraft still win over people?
- Even though we are aware we're among others who carry darkness, can we still be influenced, controlled or manipulated?
- Can the unholy prevail when Holy Spirit is present in people? If so, how?

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## Ephesians 3:10-11

10 Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you.

11 Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser! 12 Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.

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## Ephesians 3:13-16

13 Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious.

14 Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness as the protective armor that covers your heart.

15 Stand on your feet alert, then you'll always be ready to share the blessings of peace.

16 In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the evil one!

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## Ephesians 3:17-18

17-18 Embrace the power of salvation's full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies. And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken word of God.

Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.

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## The power of "I am"... a cautionary tale

Scared, anxious, lonely, happy, unhappy, sad, mad, glad, worried, uncertain, depressed, joyful, ashamed, guilty, regretful, high, low, hopeful, hopeless, frustrated, ecstatic, sick, disabled, debilitated, wounded, better than, worse than, disadvantaged, dysregulated, glad, stuck, tired, hungry, alone, content, disgusted, jealous, irritated, tormented, cheerful, optimistic, disappointed, rejected, amazed, dismayed, hurt, hurting, longing, yearning, agitated, annoyed, grumpy, resentful, eager, elated, alarmed, horrified, shocked, distressed, tense, relieved, exhilarated, thrilled, pleased, satisfied, full... and so many more descriptive words...

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## The power of “I am”...

## fact vs. truth

- I **feel** (or felt)...
  - I **experience** (or experienced)...
  - I **think** (or thought)...
- **I am** (or was)...

(a **fact**, neither good nor bad)

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(**truth and identity**)

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## Table Time

1. Go around your group: Name potential vulnerabilities that may allow enemy influence or control (entrée to people’s minds)
2. Ask, “Holy Spirit, what is one key thing I could change or stop to become less vulnerable to my enemy’s wiles?” Privately record His response(s)
3. Go around your group: List some best ways or practices to gain or regain proximity to God