## Discussion Questions How to Conquer the Dragon Revelation 12:7-13:18

(What currently most stresses you out? Why do you think it stresses you out?)

"I think the lie of the devil is basically this: 'You are your shadow.' In other words, 'You are the choices you've made, and the deeds that you've done.'" — P.H.

- In what ways have you believed the lie that you are your shadow?
- What do you do and how do you feel when you believe that you are your shadow?

"The dragon tells us that we are our shadow, then he tempts us to hide the shadow in deeper shadow or, even, battle the shadow with more shadow."—Peter Hiett

• Can you relate to any of these images? Explain.



- Do you ever try to battle the shadow by hiding in more shadow?
- Who are you in your eyes?
- Who are you in other's eyes?
- Who are you in God's eyes? (Can you think of scriptures to back it up?)

"Your Father, who is the Light, wants you to turn and see that you are the Choice that He has made and the Deed that He has done. You are not your shadow. "—P.H.

• What practically helps you turn and see yourself as God sees you—that you are not your shadow and you are the Good Deed that He has done?

"In Revelation 20, 'the dead' stand before the throne and they are judged by their deeds written in the books... the books of deeds... (This world is full of these books). But the living have *already* been judged, 'for their names have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world."—P.H.

- What parts of you do you think are dead?
- What parts of you are alive? (Can you think of scriptures that might back that up?)
- Are there any areas you are believing you're dead & maybe you're not or where you think you're alive but are not?

I believe we are our truest selves when we feel at home and loved in our Daddy's (Heavenly Father's) presence.

- Do you remember the last time you felt at home and safe in your Daddy's presence, like you didn't need to do or be anything to impress Him or win His approval? Have you ever felt that way?
- In what areas do you most feel pressure to be more, do more or perform for God or others.
- Where do you think that pressure comes from? Do you think God wants you to feel that way?
- In prayer, surrender your attempts to earn your Daddy's favor, and thank Him that He can, has, and will continue to set you free from them. He sees the true you and He loves you and makes you perfect, spotless, and complete in Christ. Enjoy His loving embrace and enter into the true you—who He has made you in Christ.
- Now read & reflect on these words: "Now, in the light of your co-inclusion in his death and resurrection, whoever you thought you were before, in Christ you are a brand new person! The old ways of seeing yourself and everyone else are over. Acquaint yourself with the new!" 2 Cor. 5:17 *Mirror Bible*

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