

I've got your six

Κρατέω (krateō)

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2 Enemies, mighty predators

First enemy: Satan

Be [c]sober, be [d]vigilant; [e]because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8

The enemy... is the devil... Matthew 13:39

Satan, the originator of all evil is constantly attacking us.

The book of Job depicts how Satan works:

Ruin, infirmities, unrest, distress, pain, agony, broken families, irreparable losses

Have you been experiencing the attack of Satan in your life?

We love to think that we're in control, but all it takes is to confront an enemy, a predator stronger than ourselves and we discover how helpless we are. From a literal beast to a microscopic virus or diverse life circumstances there are times where we simply can't fight it or escape.

But when you feel surrounded by the enemy and tribulations seem to seize you; **Jesus' got your six**

...For the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Isaiah 52:12

A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Psalms 91:7

Second and last enemy: Death

The last enemy that will be destroyed is **death**. 1 Cor 15:26

Satan used all his power to try to defeat Jesus, first he used his lies, then other people and circumstances and finally death. Jesus underwent all his fierce attacks and overcame, He even tasted death for us, but it did not prevail.

whom God raised up, having [g]loosed the [h]pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be **held** by it. Act 2:24 **DEATH**

KRATEO

1- to take hold of, take, seize

2- to lay hands on one in order to get him into one's power

3- to hold fast, i.e. not discard or let go

In almost every occasion this word is used to depict a mighty one holding fast on a victim.

There are three times when it is said of Jesus to exercise this action

So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. Mark 1:31 **FEVER**

But Jesus **took** him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. Mark 9:27 **SPIRIT, DEATH**

But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and **took** her by the hand, and the girl arose. Matt 9:25 **DEATH**

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. Jn 10:10

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one." John 10:27-30

Jesus's got your six

Sometimes we let go on our faith and dependence of God, we feel secure, self-confident, and we face the enemy by ourselves. Then our faith needs to be strengthened and God will allow us to sense how it is to walk without His protection, then the enemy snatches us.

Some other times because we hold fast on our faith, the enemy will attack us fiercely and God will allow it as well, because He knows what we can bear and our experience will surely bring others to His feet. No evil will be capable to destroy us and God has promised that He'll make everything new.

It is then when Jesus stretches His mighty arm and krateo us.

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10.

Can the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of a tyrant[f] be rescued? 25 For thus says the Lord: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken, and the prey of the tyrant be rescued, for I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children. I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine. Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob." Isaiah 49:24-26

Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is [lost](#)... John 17:12

Hold fast to your faith

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us **hold fast** our confession. Hebrews 4:14

13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you **hold fast** to My name, and did not deny My faith ... But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam... Rev 2:13,14

25 But **hold fast** what you have till I come. Rev 2:25

11 [h]Behold, I am coming quickly! **Hold fast** what you have, that no one may take your crown. Rev 3:11

21 Test all things; **hold fast** what is good. 1 Thess 5:21

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Heb 10:23