

I Have Found His Weakness



⊗ The movie Superman II is a sci-fi classic. Three Kryptonian criminals are on a mission to use their extraordinary powers to destroy everything good on earth. They destroy the Eiffel Tower and lift the rotunda from the White House. The world trembles in fear. Superman comes to the rescue. Originating from the same planet Superman is equal to their super human powers. In an effort to get the upper hand, the leader of the ruthless criminals realizes Superman's weakness. Superman actually "cared about the people," he said. To gain an advantage from this

knowledge, General Zod focused his assaults on putting people in danger, rather than buildings and historic landmarks. He enjoyed watching Superman frantically race here and there to save people from destruction.

Isn't that what Satan tries to do to us. He seeks to hit us at the time of our greatest weakness, attacking us from multiple sides at the same time. He zeros in on us when we are most vulnerable – perhaps at the time of a tragedy, when we are weary from overwork or when we are under significant stress. He attacks when we are lonely or feeling down. Satan wants us to be bouncing back and forth, thinking we can't possibly plug every hole in the dyke. Satan wants us to give up.

Fortunately, we can trust in a loving God who, like Superman, cares deeply for us. Jesus' goal is to save as many of us as He can, and He accomplishes that through love. Love will eventually defeat the enemy.

Our God is not a fictional comic book character. Superman is portrayed as looking like a human with tenuous super human qualities that can be weakened by the mere presence of kryptonite. Jesus experienced pain while living on earth, but never weakened. Jesus taught us that strength is to love and serve each other in His name.

The criminals from Krypton view love as a weakness. Jesus Christ made love His biggest strength. In comic book stories, somehow the good guys win in the end. They make the storyline look like it is a hopeless situation, but then through some miraculous power, turn it into a win. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus wins in the end and it is never a hopeless situation. Love conquers all. General Zod and Satan both misjudge the power of love.

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (1 Cor. 13:7)

Superman was a one-man army, fighting evil in the world. As a child of God, you never face the devil alone. *I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:2-3)*

Love is the bond of people with their Savior. It is the strength that helps us to overcome obstacles and achieve victory.

Question: Can you recognize Satan's attempts to strike when you are most vulnerable? How do you remain strong?

Prayer: We pray, Lord, that we will show our love for others, especially at times when they need it the most.