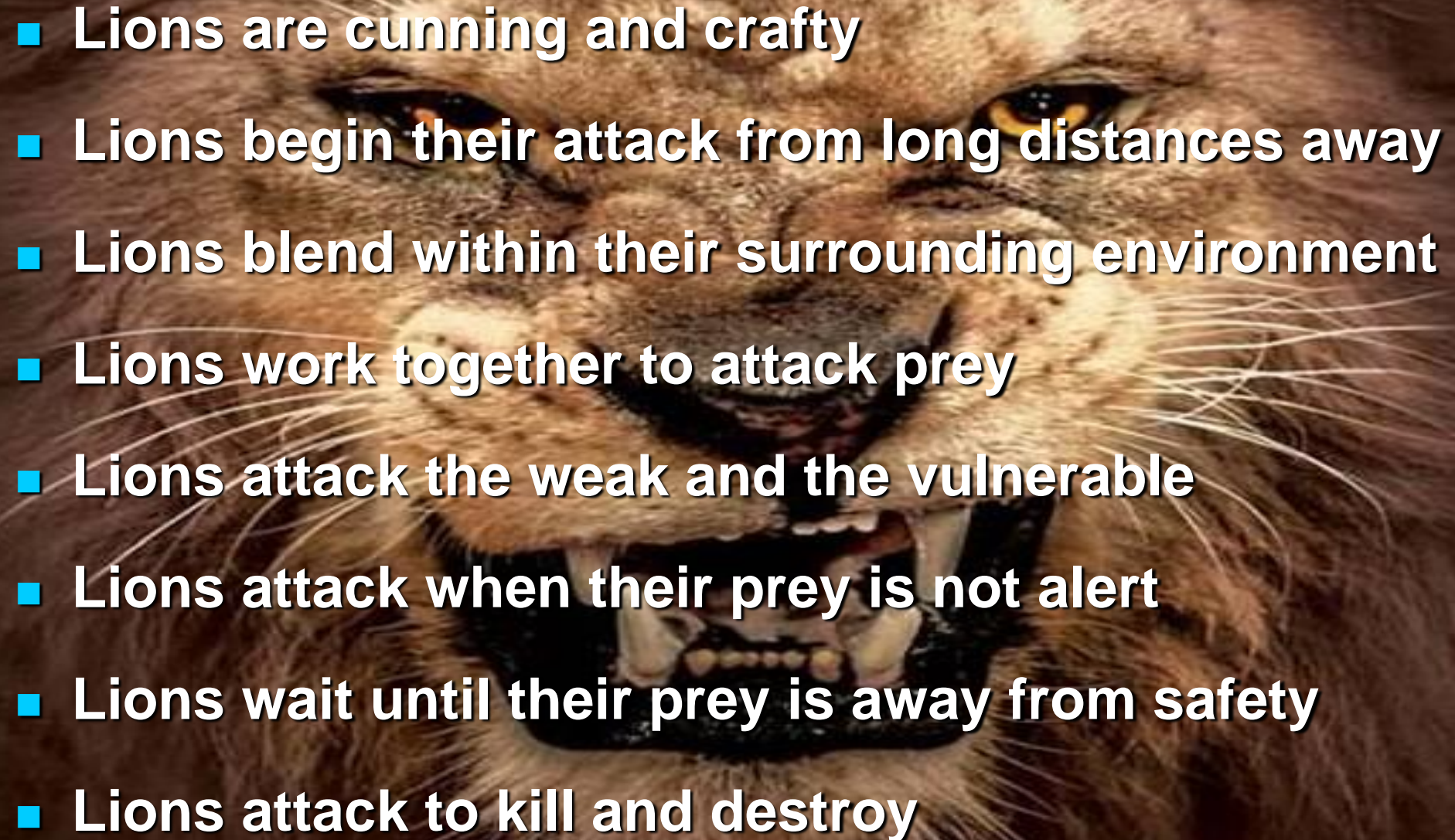


# **What Satan Whispers: The Tools of the Devil**

**Luke 22:1-6**

# Satan, A Devouring Roaring Lion

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- Lions are cunning and crafty
  - Lions begin their attack from long distances away
  - Lions blend within their surrounding environment
  - Lions work together to attack prey
  - Lions attack the weak and the vulnerable
  - Lions attack when their prey is not alert
  - Lions wait until their prey is away from safety
  - Lions attack to kill and destroy



# What Satan Whispers



- To Adam and Eve – lies and deception  
Genesis 3
- To Moses – to show his power  
Numbers 20
- To Samson – to love Delilah, a pagan  
Judges 16
- To David – to take who he wanted  
2 Samuel 11
- To Peter – to deny he knew Jesus  
John 18
- To Demas – to love the world, not Jesus  
2 Timothy 4:10

# The Tools of the Devil

- Apathy and complacency
    - What's the big deal? Is it really that important?
    - Devil wants to take away our passion for Jesus
  - Conflict
    - Satan loves a good church fight
    - He loves Church families that cannot get along
  - Scandal
    - A leader who has fallen; a marriage gone bad
    - Affairs are one of his favorite things to happen
- 1 Corinthians 5

# The Tools of the Devil

- Rumors and busybodies
  - Devil loves dividing people and disrupting relationships
  - Satan is happy when busybodies gossip
- Burnout and discouragement
  - Satan loves to exhaust a busy church leader
  - Devil thrives on weary folks ready to give up
- Error
  - Devil is happy when we add to or take from
  - Watered down truth is exactly what he loves



# The Tools of the Devil

- **Busyness**
  - Satan wants our time for God to be minimal
  - Devil rejoices over our hectic family schedules
- **Ignorance**
  - The world hating the Bible is what He wants
  - Do not dare share what you know with others
- **Worry**
  - Why should you pray when you can worry?
  - Anxiety should be a part of each person's life

# The Tools of the Devil

- Sin is appealing
  - *Somebody's Knockin'* by Terry Gibbs
  - Satan makes everything sinful look so inviting
- Affluence, greed, debt
  - Power, position, desire for things
  - “Put to death...covetousness, which is idolatry”  
Colossians 3:5
- Comfort
  - “Take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry”  
Luke 12:19
  - We want it all without struggles, work, or effort

# The Tools of the Devil

- Fear and pessimism
  - Fear in our churches, homes, country
  - “This \_\_\_\_\_ is the worst it has ever been.”
- Entertainment
  - Used as a tool to escape \_\_\_\_\_ (anything or anyone we do not want to deal with right now)
  - Satan says, “Plug into your passion and I will destroy your reality.”



# The Tools of the Devil Used for Responding to Jesus' Invitation

- Egos
  - Satan loves pride and arrogance
  - He whispers:
    - You are too good to confess your sins
    - Your sin is so little compared to theirs
- Procrastination
  - Just wait until you get finished with \_\_\_\_\_
  - “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.”  
Acts 24:25

# The Tools of the Devil Used for Responding to Jesus' Invitation

- Your life is important – not your soul!

Satan wants you to believe that lie

Remember, the lion wants to devour you!