

Stone walls by Curtis Kenyon

This year, 2008, early in the PA spring turkey season, I went hunting with good friends and partners in The Call Outdoors David and Phillip Stallard. After debating where to go, we finally settled on a spot that had produced great results in the past. The previous year had been a little frustrating at this spot though. David and Phil had a large tom on a stone wall and they got their signals crossed. Phil had the bird on camera but David did not know it so he did not shoot. Finally the bird jump over the stone wall and the hunt was over. This year we were planning to have a little better result on the stone wall birds. Setting up in the same general location we were able to call a bird through an opening in the stone wall and harvest a beautiful bird on film.

Stone walls in NY and PA are very common in the woods. It is important to be aware of them when setting up on turkeys. They can block your line of sight between you and the bird that you are trying to harvest. Obstacles like stone wall, fences, and hedgerows may completely stop a turkey from coming to you.

Spiritually speaking it is no different. There are obstacles in each of our lives that if we allow, they will impede our progress toward the goal of becoming more like our Savior Jesus Christ. Each one of us is different and the issues may vary when it comes to our spiritual obstacles. It may be anger, drugs, unforgiveness, or pornography that is blocking us from getting at the goal. Maybe for you these obstacles have been a barrier for years and you can't seem to gain victory over them. 1 Corinthians 10:13 says, **“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”** This tells us that the walls that are impeding our progress are a common problem. You may think you are alone in your struggles but God wants you to understand that others have been there and gained victory. Last year's defeats can be this year's victories. Understand that God is faithful and with every trial/temptation that stands in the way between you and Him - He has given you a way to overcome it. You must look to His Word and His people for those ways and find hope in the victory He wants to provide for you. Don't give up or give in. God bless you as you endeavor to walk with Him.