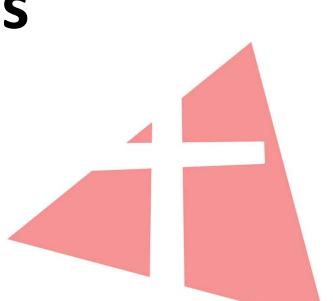
# Heart Attitudes towards Spiritual Warfare

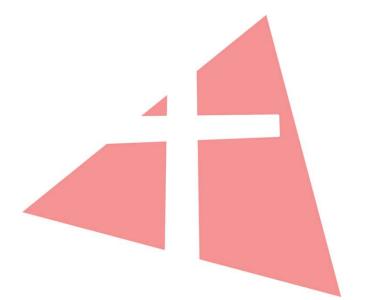
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#### **Our Series**

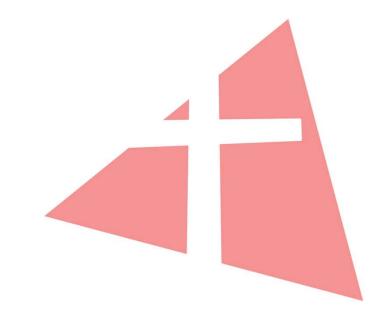
#### • Spiritual Warfare

- Jesus and satan have different plans for our lives
- We support one or the other (whether we know it or not)



# **Today's Focus**

• Heart Attitudes towards Spiritual Warfare



#### Keep our Eyes on Jesus' Victory

• Jesus has already won!

Colossians 2:13-15 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has he made alive together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

#### Keep our Eyes on our Hope

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

# **A Spiritual Battle**

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places.



- A spiritual fight cannot be won in the physical realm
- A spiritual fight can only be won in prayer

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thus with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

# **Count it Joy**

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

1 Peter 4:12-14 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to test you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, since you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy. If you be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are you; for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

# **God is Sovereign**

• God wants to bring something good out of satan's attacks

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

# God's Way Out

1 Corinthians 10:13 There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.

#### **Dependence instead of Pride**

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

### God's Way, Not Ours

1 Samuel 4:1-2 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and encamped beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was defeated before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

# God's Way, Not Ours

1 Samuel 4:3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it comes among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

1 Samuel 4:10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

#### God's Way, Not Ours

- We can't fight satan in our own way
- We need to rely on God's instructions how we can overcome satan's temptations

#### **In Conclusion**

• Be confident in Jesus instead of afraid of satan

