Defending The Pea Patch

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INTRODUCTION

- We see that Shammah stood in the middle of a pea patch. That's where he stationed himself. And he defended the pea patch in a very deadly battle.
- It was not a fancy place. It was not a place of honor. But it was a place of responsibility. It was a place of duty.
- Today, defending the church and its obligation to follow the one true way is our pea patch.

1 He Stood Firm

1 Corinthians 15:55–58; 1 John 5:4–5

- He stood firm. He did not waver at the moment of crisis.
- Thanks be to God who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be strong, be steadfast, be immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.
- This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.
- We must, as Christians, be actively concerned about souls.
- Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

2 How Shammah Stood: Alone, but God Was With Him

Romans 12:2

- He stood alone in the physical sense.
- Except that in the spiritual sense, God was with him. And that was the most important.
- He was not conquered by fear, and we must not be conquered by fear.
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed. Be different.

3 Where He Stood: In the Middle of the Field

2 Samuel 23:12; Psalm 23:4

- He stationed himself in the middle of the field. He defended it. And he killed the Philistines.
- He stood conspicuously. He stood noticeably. He stood obviously. He stood so that the enemy could find him.
- Christ stood alone. He hung alone. He died alone, and that was for you.
- Do our actions demonstrate whose side we're on?
- As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Do you take that stand at your house?

4 Why He Stood: It Was God's Pea Patch

Acts 20:28–31

- He stood in defense of that pea patch because it was God's pea patch.

- We have to defend the church because it is Christ's church. It's not mine. It's not yours. It belongs to Christ.
- What's the toughest ones to protect against? Those that come from within, the attack from within.
- Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

5 I Am Doing a Great Work; I Will Not Come

- I am in a fight. I object to this order. I will not come back.
- I'm doing a great work. I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and come down to you?
- Whose work was it? Was it his work? It was God's work.
- I will not yield on the truth. I will not give up on the church. I will not allow Satan to take my spiritual life. I will say no to sin.

THE CHALLENGE

If you have need to repent or to be added to the Lord's army by the Lord, won't you come?

MY NOTES