Finishing The Fight

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INTRODUCTION

- The question that I have for you this morning is a very simple one. Does your battle belong to the Lord?
- Are we finishing the fight? Are we winning the war against the flesh?
- And the people still neglected to finish the fight. They left behind the inhabitants of the land. They left behind the wicked ways and the customs.

1 What Fights for the Lord Must First Belong to Him

Judges 2:10–14; Isaiah 40:21–31

- One of the things that we need to understand, if we understand nothing else about this passage is that what fights for the Lord must first ultimately belong to him.
- But the generation that came up behind them knew not the Lord nor his ways.
- One of the things that we can become guilty of if we're not careful is forgetting to instruct the generation that's coming up behind us.
- We need to be careful, brothers and sisters, that we do not practice a limited faith. In a limited repentance.
- True repentance must include the knowledge that all that we have and all that we are belongs first and foremost to God.
- How do you forget the God? You do it by forgetting that the God that spoke heaven and earth into existence beckons you out of your sin to put on the yoke offered by his son and learn from him.

2 No Room for the Spiritually Undisciplined

Judges 2:2

- One of the great dangers today for the people of God is how easy it is to become spiritually unmoored in our society and forsake his chastening.
- What I'm talking about is their spiritual failure began by leaving other gods there to be worshipped.
- The battle was supposed to belong to the Lord because the Lord had ordained it and the Lord had commanded it, but the people would not see it through.
- This isn't about holding your brethren to some standard. This is about holding ourselves to accountability.
- No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

- I often wonder if we ourselves aren't setting up the roots of spiritual calamity that will be reaped years, maybe generations down the road by the false gods that we allow to remain today.

3 The Disciplined Soldier Does Not Seek Compromise

Ephesians 6

- The disciplined soldier does not seek compromise when battle is called for.
- Compromise is dangerous because it starts with putting yourself in the spiritual position of not being fully what you know you need to be.
- Associations make us vulnerable, desires make us sluggish. A love of the world makes us slow to gird ourselves and go into battle.
- Our obligation here is to first conquer the inner man and then go unto all the world and teach all nations.
- Friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God. Compromise is not a place for a soldier.
- We don't pull ourselves back from the world, but we don't make them our closest allies.

4 Never Prepared to Do the Work

Ephesians 6:10–13; 1 John 5:4–5

- I think very often the reason why we're not ready to finish the fight. We're never prepared to do the work to begin with.
- You ever notice how easy it is to wear the name Christian? But how difficult it is to walk the path some days.
- We see our failings and we shake our heads and we say, I wish I could do better. But we never get past the wishing.
- Take up the full armor of God so that you'll be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything to stand firm, stand firm.
- For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful.

THE CHALLENGE

Put on the armor of God and say, proudly, confidently, in the name of his son, I will finish the fight. I will go in and conquer.

MY NOTES