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Finding God's Truth in the Stories We Watch

# Weekend Resources

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Week 3 - Wake Up Dead Man

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**RECAP:** Because stories shape our souls. The shows we watch aren't just entertainment—they're reflections of our longings, fears, and deepest desires. And behind every story we love is the bigger story of God's redemption.

## MAIN POINTS

- Fight the right battle with the right weapons. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood. When we treat people as the enemy, we miss the true spiritual battle. The world fights with outrage and division, but Jesus fought with love, sacrifice, and open arms.
- We are called into the world, not out of it. Jesus didn't pray for us to be taken out of the world, but sent us directly into it. We aren't supposed to isolate ourselves or constantly wage a culture war; we are called to be a redemptive, healing presence, loving people rather than labeling them.
- Live interruptible and available. A true "arms-wide-open" faith means staying available to love and serve others. Rather than being so focused on an agenda or proving a point, we must remember our calling as a royal priesthood, willing to pause and be present for the people right in front of us.

## GETTING STARTED

- Think about how easily you get sucked into the endless scroll of news or social media debates. How does constantly reading about conflict and outrage affect your mood, your anxiety, and the way you view people who disagree with you?

## SCRIPTURE

- [Matthew 5:44; 21:12; 26:53; 27:42; Luke 10:25-37; John 3:16; 13:34-35; 15:18-19; 17:15-18; Romans 2:4; 5:8-10; 2 Corinthians 10:3-4; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 2:9](#)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Ephesians 6 reminds us that our fight is not against flesh and blood. Why is it so tempting to turn people—neighbors, coworkers, or those with different political views—into the enemy, and how does this distract us from our true calling?
- Jesus prayed that we would not be taken out of the world, but sent into it. How do we balance standing firm in our biblical convictions while still being an "arms-wide-open" presence to those who live and think differently than we do?
- In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Samaritan was willing to be interrupted to show compassion. Why do our schedules, agendas, and even our desire to "be right" often keep us from being available to love people the way Jesus did?

## APPLICATION

- Identify one area where you have been holding your "fists up"—perhaps a recurring argument, a political frustration, or a grudge against someone you disagree with. This week, consciously choose to put your fists down and pray for that person instead.
- Examine your digital habits. If scrolling through news or social media is making you more angry than loving, take a break this week to focus on the peace and kindness of God.
- Look for an opportunity to be "interruptible." When someone needs a listening ear or a helping hand, pause your agenda and offer them the compassionate, open-armed love of Jesus.