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Pastor Josh McPherson

"THE ART OF WAR"

"HOW SATAN PLANS TO DESTROY YOUR CHRISTMAS"

*"The devil has a plan for your Christmas...
But the good news is...**so does God!**"*

10 WAYS SATAN WANTS TO DESTROY CHRISTMAS:

- 1. Unchecked Flesh.**
- 2. Exhausted Mom.**
- 3. Distracted Dad.**
- 4. Dysfunctional Family.**
- 5. Me-Centered Kids.**
- 6. Worldly Priorities.**
- 7. Unrealistic Expectations.**
- 8. Ungrateful Attitudes.**
- 9. Unholy Traditions.**
- 10. Lost Kids.**



Discussion Questions:

Getting to Know Me

1. What is ONE word you'd use to describe this week's sermon: "How Satan Wants to Destroy Your Christmas"?
2. What are you MOST looking forward to this Christmas season?
3. What are you LEAST looking forward to this Christmas season?
4. What was the highlight of your Thanksgiving break? Share a memorable moment from last week.

Into the Bible/Sermon

1. Read Galatians 5:16-26. What are some ways our flesh tries to destroy us? Why do we need to be particularly vigilant for the works of the flesh around Christmastime?
2. What strategies can we use to battle against the works of the flesh? (v.24) As you head into the Christmas season, how could these strategies get lived out & implemented in your own life and family?
3. Read Ephesians 4:29-32. What truths in this passage help us fight back against the enemy seeking to work through family dysfunction?

Application

1. What was your dominant thought or takeaway as you listened to Pastor Josh's sermon this week?
2. From the list of "10 Ways Satan Wants to Destroy Your Christmas", which one was particularly poignant or striking to you? Why is that?
3. What sort of Christmas does Jesus desire your family would have? What sort of elements & atmosphere would mark a Jesus-centered Christmas? Describe what you'd experience in a home like this.
4. Pastor Josh stated, "Men, your family doesn't need a **santa**, they need a **shepherd**." Husbands/Dads: What is your plan to lead & shepherd your family through Christmas? What is your first action step to implement that plan?
5. Wives/Mothers: How can you help & strengthen your husband's leadership through December? What does it look like for you to build up your family team? What is your first action step to do so?
6. In your home, how can you live out & remember the truths that the King was born and has triumphed over our enemy? That Jesus IS Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace?
7. What 1-3 things could you focus on praying for this month that would significantly move the needle in your family this Christmas? (Protection, unity, joy, peace, gratefulness, servant-hearts, fun, rest, wonder, vision, etc...)