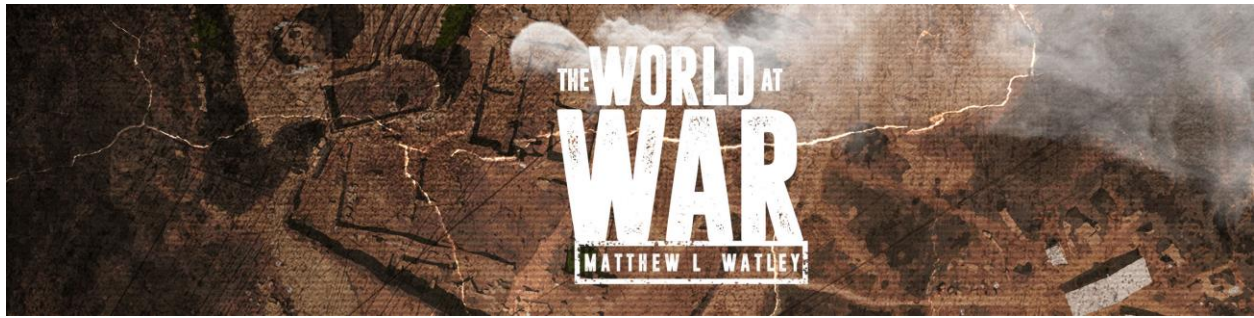


“It’s Going To Be What It Is”

1. READ

Scripture: Matthew 10:16-20 New King James Version (NKJV)

16“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. 17Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. 18On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. 19But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



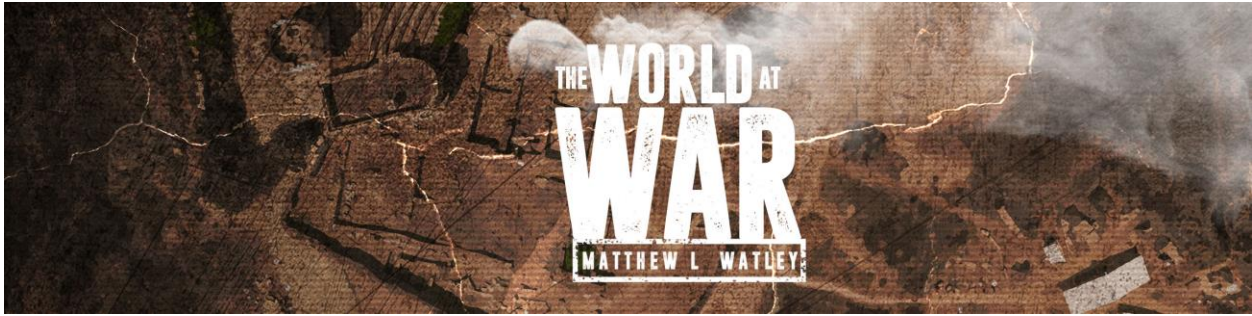
Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Matthew 10, Psalms 23, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:1, Hebrews 11:6 and Genesis 3:1

REFLECT



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As Pastor Watley continues his sermon series “The World At War” this week, his sermon title is “It’s Going To Be What It Is.” This title comes from the thought that sometimes there isn’t much we can do about any specific situation in life. However, we can embrace what is ahead in these moments, trusting that our “good” Shepherd will lead us. Pastor explains in his introduction that this was the feeling he had several years ago when he was facing a challenge that he couldn’t change or shift. As Pastor shares, we often get ourselves all worked up for something wrong or challenging, and then it isn’t that bad. We have to realize that our situations don’t have that much control over us, but we must, as Pastor declares, stay close to the Shepherd. In our scripture, that is what Jesus was telling the disciples “I am going to send you out like sheep among the wolves.” The only way that sheep survive is for them to stay close to their protector, their Shepherd.



Pastor reminds us that Jesus had a plan for the disciples just as he has a plan for us.

Jesus declared:

- The mission for the disciples
- The message they needed to carry
- Method of carrying that message
- And the means through which this would all happen

Jesus was helping them to know and us to understand that no matter what we face, as long as Jesus is on our side, we will make it through. Pastor encourages us to realize that we must have a sense of “Faith” for us to make it through. As Pastor shared, this “Faith” isn’t easy, but it’s our willingness to take on risks and trust God through it all.

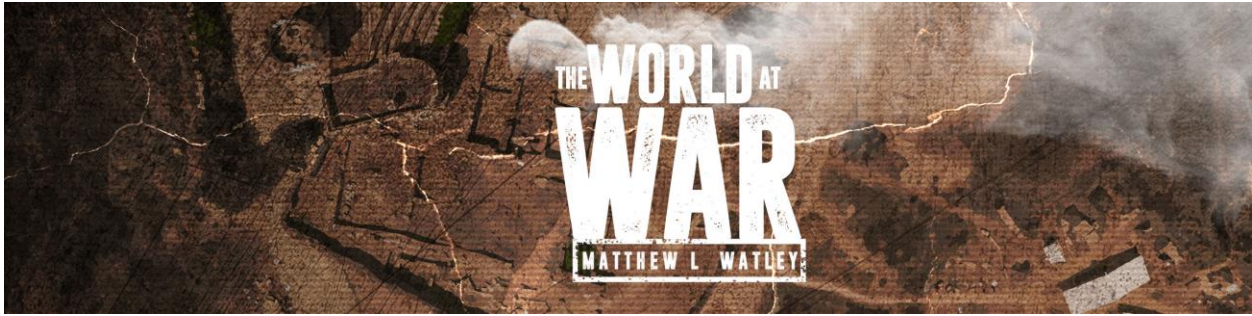
Scriptures:

- We walk by RISK and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- Now RISK is the substance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1)
- For without RISK it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6)

Pastor says that “Risk is the opposite side of the coin of faith; where there is no risk, there is no need for faith.” In our trusting God through risk, we also allow God to move in our lives and the lives of those around us. What are you willing to risk today because you know It’s Going To Be What It Is?

1. RESPOND





Introspective Questions

- ï What have you been afraid to do because of the risk?
- ï Who can you tell as an accountability partner to walk with you through the risk?

Discussion Questions

- ï What were the disciples thinking when Jesus told them that He was sending them out to the wolves?
- ï How would you be as wise as a snake the next time you have to take a risk?