

# The SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST | "The Call to Service" | LESSON 1

## I Intro to Series & Lesson

1 There is much to consider when we think of a fight, skirmishes, battles, a war.

a Ability to war — Kings perspective His consultation

b Knowing the Enemy

• Strongholds

• Devices

• Tactics and wiles

c Our armourment

d The nature of the fight

e Outcomes

## II Preview:

1 There is a fight

2 The call to service

## III Sermon ~~The Fight~~ The Fight

• 2 Tim. 4:6-8

↳ "I have fought a good fight" - a descriptor of the activity of Paul's life and ministry / example for all soldiers

• 1 Tim. 6:12

• "Fight the good fight of faith"

• "whereunto thou art also called"

• 2 Tim. 2:1-4

• "endure hardness", "be strong", "as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"

"Chosen... to be a soldier"

2 Cor. 10:1-6

"was"

"mighty"

"weapons"

"strongholds"

"warfare"

"captivity"

Eph. 6:10-18 | Php. 1:28-30, 3:18-21

### 2) The Call to Service

- The fight, war, warfare is part of our overall service toward God.
- The drastic salvation immediately makes us <sup>home</sup> enemies behind enemy lines <sup>- pilgrims</sup>
- Becoming servants of God, His ~~S~~ sons & daughters in this life gives context to the fight and war

• We were not always servants of God

• We were servants to sin (Rom. 6)

• We were enemies of God (Rom. 5)

• We walked according to the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 1)

• We were darkness walking after and under the power of darkness (Eph. 4) (Col. 1:13)

Jn. 18:36  
by kingdom  
of this world  
(John 18:19)  
16:33  
17:14-16

• God's strength and power takes His enemies and makes them good soldiers.

• God's mightiness saves His enemies and persuades His new soldiers to ambassage on familiar turf behind enemy lines.

• Rom. 12

- We present ourselves living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2)
- We present ourselves knowing the fight is to come (Rom. 8)

• He chooses us with promise of victory won by His own right hand.

- 1 Cor. 15 - giveth us the victory Rom. 8 - calleth those things which be not as though they were
- Rom. 1 - power
- Eph. 1 - might power 1 Cor. 2 - bringeth to nought by things that are

resurrection