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SESSION THREE / FIGHTING WITHOUT ENTANGLEMENT

It's Time to Move Forward – Genesis 24:6-7

- Abraham didn't want Isaac to go back to his homeland.
- He wanted his son to engage in what was set before him.
- The promises of God lay in front of him, not behind.

Men Don't Know Their Purpose

- We don't know why we're here.
- This leaves us aimless, tired, unfulfilled and _____.
- But instead of learning God's singular _____ for our lives, we serve and make up idols of our liking.

Our Idols Mislead Us

- We become _____ about the wrong things.
- We get _____ about the wrong things.
- We are _____ by the wrong things.

The Problem of our Temporal Pursuits

- So often, men want to provide and take care of their families. They want to create a home and environment that has no needs.
- But this is not the mission God has called us to.
- We want happiness and peace in our homes.
 - But where does that happiness come from?
 - Where does our peace originate?
- Are we hoping that a _____ pursuit will bring about _____ fulfillment?

Men Need Purpose

- Men need a mission.
- God made us this way.
- But if we don't turn to God for that _____, we will live a life seeking _____ fulfillment by _____ means.

Judges 21:25

Fighting the Battle Without Entanglement – 2 Timothy 2:1-4

- We must be _____. Vs. 1
 - We are to be strong in something that doesn't come from within.
 - It's a strength that comes from the Lord.
 - We are to be strong in the _____ that is found in Christ.

Romans 15:1

 - If our strength is found in something else, it must be pulled down. **Mark 3**
 - If our strength is not found in the grace of God, we must bind the strong man with a greater man whose strength is found in grace.
- We must be full of _____. Vs. 1
 - This is not something we can muster or manufacture.
 - This is not about performance.
 - It is only found in the Lord. It is something we rest in.
- We are to _____ what we have heard to faithful men. Vs. 2
 - To commit means to: set it before, put forth, make a deposit or entrust.
 - To commit to one's charge.
- We are to _____. Vs. 2
 - We must be gracious and longsuffering teachers.
 - The battle we fight is to be merciful, longsuffering and gracious.
- We are to be _____. Vs. 3
 - We must be willing to die for what is right.
 - A warrior is willing to do the work. To minister with his brothers.
 - "Thou therefore" applies to the faithful men of Vs. 2.
 - This shows us that discipleship is not for the faint of heart.

- Soldiers must be willing to _____.
- The ministry, if done right, will bring you to a place of _____.
- Real ministry will not bring about increased _____.
- It only brings about death. Death to _____.
- Arrogance has no place in real ministry.

- A “good” soldier is not about one’s _____.
- It is about your _____.

- What are we fighting for?
 - We have been called to the ministry of reconciliation.
 - Everything we do must funnel into that one goal.
- So, what is our war?
 - We war to _____. This is our fight.
 - We fight to _____ souls back to God.

- We cannot be _____. Vs. 4
 - A warrior has their mind on one thing.
 - Everything is about the mission.

 - To be a soldier free of entanglement, we must remember we are no longer _____. This means we must separate ourselves from civilian life.

 - As a soldier, all I do is fight.
 - And I do so to please my Lord.

 - All other pursuits must be forsaken. **Colossians 3:23**
 - Whatever has the potential of weighing you down in the fight must either be removed or put into subjection. **1 Corinthians 9:27**

A Soldiers Purpose

- It is simple. He is to please his commander.
- He is not called to win the war. That is his superior’s responsibility.
- He is to submit to the authority over him.
- He is to serve him unconditionally with his life.

We have one mission. It is the Great Commission. Where are you in the battle?