

This Present Darkness

"Keepers" – Equipped for War

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: The Bible is a love story, but the setting is war. Every follower of Jesus that is not equipped to engage in spiritual warfare is likely already losing. It's time to know your enemy, know your authority, and awaken to the reality that you are feared in hell.

We Are On a Mission: We are called to <u>demonstrate</u> & advance the Kingdom through our lives.

John 20:21 / Matthew 16:17-18 / Matthew 28:18

We Are At War... We have been born into a spiritual <u>battle</u> that has a long history.

...Against an <u>EXERNAL</u> Enemy... There's a kingdom, a system, that's <u>hostile</u> to Jesus, His Ways, His People

...and an <u>INTERNAL</u> Enemy: There is a war and enemy within <u>ourselves</u>.

Romans 8:5-8 / Galatians 5:17

God EQUIPS us for Our Mission and this War with "KEEPERS"

- Keep Your <u>HEAD</u>. Psalm 1 / Joshua 1:7-9 / Luke 4:4-12 / 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- Keep Your <u>HEART</u>. Ephesians 4:32 / Hebrews 12:15

- Keep GROWING. Hebrews 12:1

- Keep FILLED with the Holy Spirit. Luke 4:1 / Ephesians 5:18

- Settle the <u>OWNERSHIP</u> issue. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20a / James 4:7

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- **2)** Read Romans 8:5-8 and Galatians 5:17. Have you ever felt this way when it comes to the spiritual battle taking place in your life? How are you doing with this battle today?
- **3)** Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Can you share an example of how your thought patterns were under the influence of a stronghold that kept you in darkness or patterns of sin and doubt? What did you do about it?
- **4)** Read Hebrews 12:15. Have you ever experienced a defiled heart because of unforgiveness and bitterness? How did this affect your walk with God?
- **5)** Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20a. Is this issue settled in your life? What can you do this week to keep this truth before your mind and heart? Who can you ask to pray for you?