

Sermon Notes -- 9-03-2023 - RESIST! - Wk9 - SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Message Notes:

Psalm 135:1–3 Hallelujah! Praise the name of God, praise the works of God. All you priests on duty in God’s temple, serving in the sacred halls of our God, Shout “Hallelujah!” because God’s so good, sing anthems to his beautiful name.

James 4:7

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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Spiritual Warfare:

RESIST and Draw Close!

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don’t they come from the evil desires at war within you?

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THE BATTLE STARTS IN THE MIND

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2 You want what you don’t have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can’t get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it.

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THEN THE BATTLE IS PLAYED OUT IN THE FLESH

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3 And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

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YOUR FOCUS GETS TOTALLY HI-JACKED!

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4 You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

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DECIDE! WHICH TEAM AM I ON? THE ONE THAT LEADS TO LIFE, OR DEATH?

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5 Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him.

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6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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OUR ABILITY TO STAND IN THE BATTLE BEGINS WITH THE LAYING DOWN OF OUR PRIDE.

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7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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SUBMIT.

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RESIST.

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8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

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COME INTO HIS PRESENCE. GET A RESET. GET CLEAN.

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9 Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief.
Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.

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THE ENEMY OF YOUR SOUL PLAYS OFF YOUR FLESHLY EMOTION.

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10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

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HE WILL WIN THE BATTLE FOR YOU!

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