

# LAST WORDS

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### How to Raise My Family When the World Conflicts With My Faith

*John 15:18-27 18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates Me hates My Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. 25 But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' 26 When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning."*

### The War of the World

The world is at **war** with Jesus Christ.

*v18 – If the world hates you, you know it has hated Me before it hated you.*

*v20b – If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you*

### The Enemy at the Gate

Satan is leading the attack on our **faith**.

*Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8*

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*  
Ephesians 6:12

## **The Heart Thief**

We are in a battle for the **heart** of the next generation.

*Watch over your heart with all diligence,  
For from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23*

## **Not Quiet on Any Front**

The world is attacking in many ways....

**Confuse** – propaganda and misinformation – “Did God really say...”

**Convert** – change redefining God – “It’s different now...”

**Condemn** – turning love to hate - if you love us, you will approve of what we do

... And many places - **Entertainment, Education, Social Media**

## **Return of the King**

*“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33*

Have courage to fight – because of Christ we know the war is already **won**.

## **Truth of the Word**

When the world tells you a lie or a half-truth, **check** it against God’s Word.

*“...and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” John 8:32*

## **Talk to God**

**Pray** often.

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12 (NIV)*

## **Testimony of Faith**

Each of us must **own** our own faith.

*For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, so that the generation to come might know,*

*even the children yet to be born, That they may arise and tell them to their children,7 that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments, Psalm 78:5-7*

### **Trust the Lord**

Know who your **hero** is.

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:10*

**Challenge:** This week read John 15:18-27 again and discuss with your family or friends – where is the next generation being attacked and how can you get into the battle?



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