



Sermon Notes

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Our true enemy is the devil and the powers of this dark world.

Ephesians 6:12

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

We are fighting in a fixed fight.

Isaiah 54:17

*¹⁷no weapon forged against you will prevail,
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.
This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
and this is their vindication from me,"
declares the LORD.*

When we hope in the Lord, nothing we face will defeat us!

Romans 8:31

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Since God is for me, nothing and no one can defeat me.

We struggle against a defeated foe.

1 John 3:8

⁸...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Hebrews 2:14

¹⁴...that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil

Romans 8:31

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:28

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Isaiah 14:27

*²⁷For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him?
His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?*



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2 Corinthians 5:5

⁵ *Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

When we fight by the Spirit, we will never lose!

God will never lead me into defeat!

Romans 8:37

³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. We place our hope and confidence in the One who fixed the fight!*

Ephesians 3:12

¹² *In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.*

Philippians 4:13

¹³ *For I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Hebrews 13:6

⁶ *So we say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”*

Unwavering confidence in God is the answer for fear and anxiety.

Because of Christ’s sacrifice, I can have confidence in the Day of Judgment.

1 John 4:15-18 Amplified Version

¹⁵ Whoever confesses *and* acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ We have come to know [by personal observation and experience], and have believed [with deep, consistent faith] the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides *continually* in him. ¹⁷ In this [union and fellowship with Him], love is completed *and* perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him]; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love [dread does not exist]. But perfect (complete, full-grown) love drives out fear, because fear involves [the expectation of divine] punishment, so the one who is afraid [of God’s judgment] is not perfected in love [has not grown into a sufficient understanding of God’s love].

Hebrews 4:16

¹⁶ *Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

