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Sermon Series Content



Enemies of Your Soul

The Devil, The Flesh & The World

SERIES OVERVIEW

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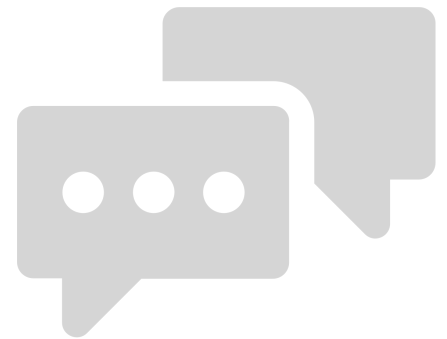
As far back as the 3rd and 4th centuries, several of the “desert fathers” wrote about a war that is raging among us. Based on the Gospels and Paul’s writings, there are three distinct enemies that are at war with our souls: The World, The Flesh, & The Devil. In this series, we will dive into not only what their weapons look like, but also how we fight the battles in the war that has already been won in Christ Jesus.

Daily Reflections

What lies are you believing? We have a real enemy that often uses lies to distort our truth and draw us away from God. At NMC, we are exploring the enemies of our soul, including the devil, the flesh, and the world. Every day for the next four weeks, we are reflecting on a different lie that the enemy tells us. In this reflection, we will also look at scripture and prayer to God as tools to dispel the lies and overcome the enemy. To participate in these daily reflections, download the NMC app on your phone, and receive notifications, follow NMC on Facebook and Instagram or visit northmetro.org every day and you will see the reflection at the top of the page.

LET'S DISCUSS

Enemies of Your Soul Week 1



Icebreaker: When was the last time you heard (or used) the phrase “the struggle is real” and what was the context that led to that phrase being used?

What stood out to you from Rob’s message that seems especially true for you in your life right now?

How do you feel hearing that as a Jesus follower, you have an enemy bent on your destruction?

What are the three enemies that we face in our lives? How are they defined and how have you witnessed them in your life?

*The devil: deceptive ideas

*The flesh: disordered ideas

*The world: sinful society (and the things that are normalized in our sinful society)

In our world today and in your own life, where do you see reality of the battles from the devil, the flesh, and the world?

Which of these enemies do you feel like have been causing you the most problems recently?

Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

What does Paul want us to understand about the battle we face as Christians?

What resonates with you from this passage?

Do you agree that your greatest struggles are spiritual in nature rather than material in nature? Why or why not?

What help does Ephesians 6 offer us in our battle against the devil, the flesh and the world and how have you used the armor of God to fight the battles that have come against your life?

Read 1 Peter 5:6-8.

What precisely does being “sober minded” and “watchful” regarding Satan’s work in your life look like (verse 8)?

What actions steps can you take this week to be sober mindful and watchful regarding the battles against the devil, the flesh and the world? And how can the group help you in that?

A lot of the material for this series has been adapted from John Mark Comer’s book “Live No Lives.” The idea behind the title is that we get sideways in life when we live like the lies we hear are truth. How can we combat the lies we hear in our lives and build our lives on and around Truth?

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