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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 3



Icebreaker: What is one regular habit or personal discipline you maintain no matter what?

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

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

What comes to mind when you consider "the cravings of our flesh"? How does Paul describe your condition when you were ruled by the flesh?

Based on this passage, what is the reason that you are able to overcome the enemy of the flesh?

Read Romans 7:14-25.

What resonates with you from this passage?

Do you agree with Paul that you cannot save yourself from this way that rages within us? Why or why not?

How has your life changed since you first started following Jesus? What habits and behaviors have been changed or added in your life?

What do you do now when you stumble and give in to temptation? Has your response changed over time? If so, how?

Read Romans 6:11-18.

What kinds of things make it challenging to believe the truth that sin is no longer your master?

Think about a particular area of your life where you face ongoing temptation. How might the regular reminder that “sin is no longer your master” affect how you face and fight it?

What kinds of useless things do you tend to depend on in your fight against sin?

What would it look like for you to depend more deeply on the Holy Spirit in your daily fight against sin?

What does it look like, in the moment, to depend on the Holy Spirit as you do battle with sin?

Think about the last time you lost a battle against sin and temptation. How might the truth of Romans 6:14 encourage you to get back up and get back in the fight?

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 Lies.” 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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