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NORTH METRO CHURCH

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 4



Icebreaker: What is something that you do that you view as “normal” that others find interesting and possibly “not normal” at all?

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

Read John 17:6-19.

Why do you think Jesus prayed this prayer the night before his death? What does this prayer showcase as being near and dear to Jesus’ heart?

What was your understanding of Jesus’ use of the word “world”?

How would you define “the world” as an enemy of your soul?

What are some ways you have set yourself apart from the world in your lifestyle choices?

What does it mean to be in the world but not of the world? How would you describe this concept to someone who is new to following Jesus?

What are some examples of ways the world and its values and beliefs shifted in your lifetime? What has surprised you the most in what you have witnessed? What continues to trouble you?

How do you find yourself subtly conforming to the lies of the world? How do you combat these lies and temptations?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6.

What are the resources you rely on the most to overcome the battle for your soul? Why do you find those resources helpful?

What does it look like (or what could it look like) for you to “demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God” in your daily life? What does it look like to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ?

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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