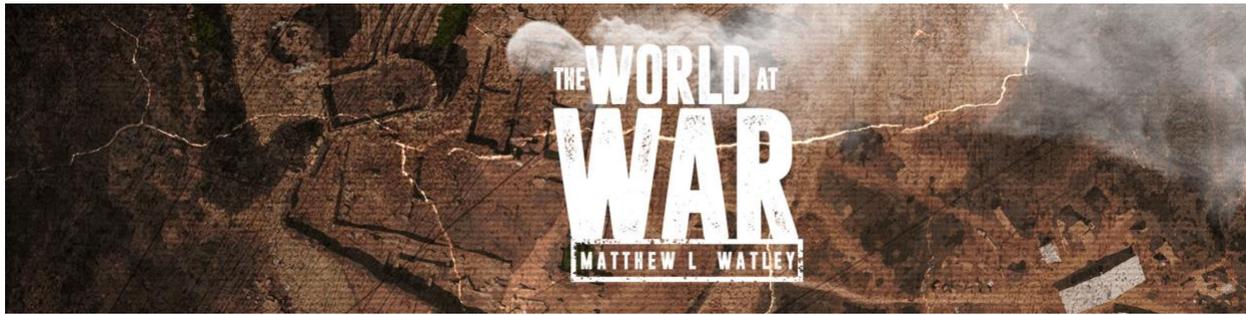


“Taking The Fight To The Enemy”

1. READ

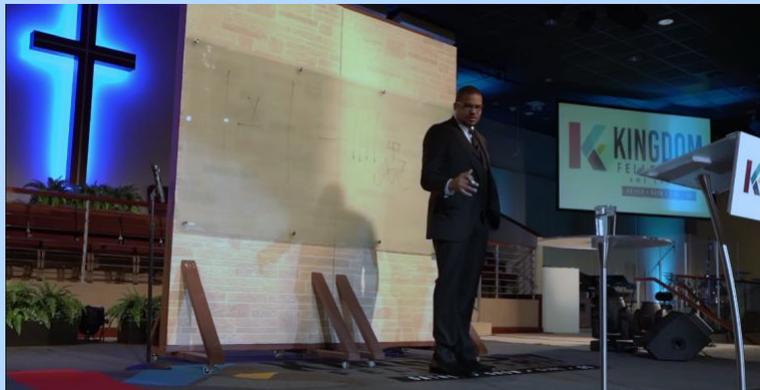
Scripture: Matthew 10:1-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, 10 nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.



Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Matthew 10; Mark 1; Ephesians 6:12 and Matthew 17:21

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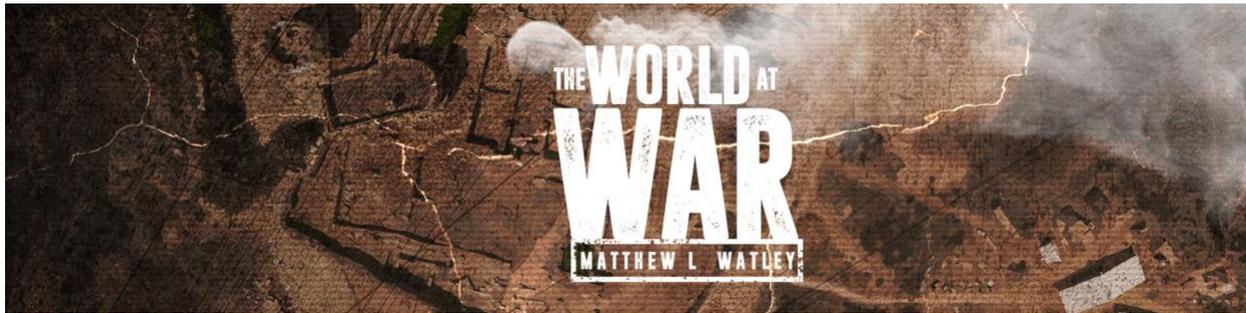


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This week Pastor Watley begins a new sermon series entitled “The World At War”. As you heard Pastor explains our world is at war with itself and as Christians we know that the world is at war with us because of our beliefs. Today’s sermon title is “Taking The Fight To The Enemy”. Pastor Watley explains that it is important for us to understand that we are indeed in a fight. That the enemy has come as a roaring lion

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.



However, even though the enemy comes like a lion, Pastor Watley shares that we are called to be the hunters of Christ. As hunters, it's our job to know that we should be on the offense and not always on the defense.

We also need to change our perspective as Pastor Watley reminds us of the scripture in Ephesians 6:12 **12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [a]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places*.** And since we wrestle not against flesh and blood, our fight isn't with the people on our jobs or in our house. It's with the enemy.

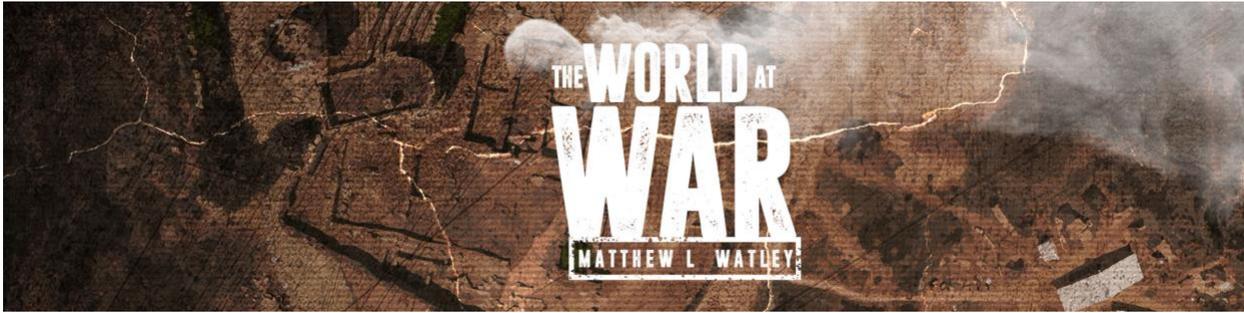
We have to know who we're fighting but, more importantly, why we're called to fight. Pastor looks at our scripture and notes that each disciple had to leave behind their past to focus on their purpose. Their purpose was the calling, and it came from Jesus. Our calling is to:

- Worship God
- Be a witness for Jesus
- To serve the Kingdom
- To be a good steward over our resources
- To be a disciple of the Jesus Christ

This is what the disciples were called to do and why they were following Jesus and leaving their families to do as well. Pastor shares these points as keys for us to understand if we're going to fight the enemy in this world that is at war.

- We must know our **Mission** We must communicate the **Message** of Jesus Christ
- We must focus on the **Method**, with the Church being the armory of this war.
- We must recognize that Jesus has given us the **Means** to win.

God has equipped us to fight this war but win this war with Jesus on our side. It's time to stop running and stop hiding but stand up and fight this battle to WIN because we already have the victory in Jesus.



1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï How are you getting ready for your fight with the enemy?
- ï In what ways has Jesus already equipped you to win this fight?

Discussion Questions

- ï What do you think those around the disciples thought when they left everything they had for Jesus, who was unknown at the time?
- ï How do you have reacted if Jesus called you away from all that you knew to follow Him toward what you weren't sure about?

