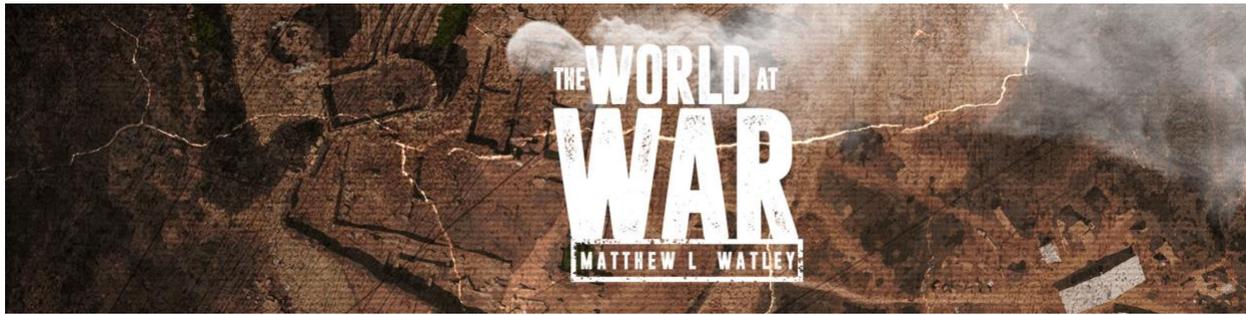


“Walk Like You Own The Joint”

1. READ

Scripture: Matthew 10:9-20 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹“Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— ¹⁰no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for workers are worth their keep. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at that person’s house until you leave. ¹²As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. ¹⁶“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Matthew 10: 9-20

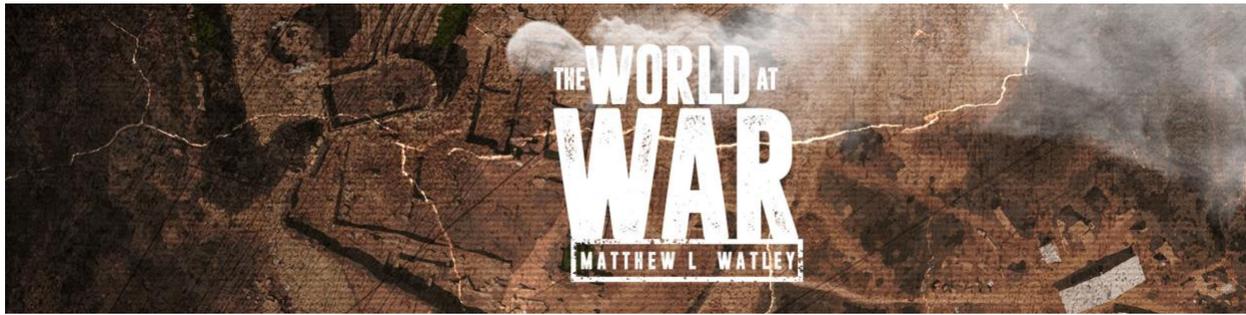
REFLECT



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Pastor Watley continues his sermon series this week entitled “The World At War” with the sermon title “Walk Like You Own It.” In Pastor’s introduction, he gives examples of stories, one from an international incident in 1904 and the other story later on about his account of a personal incident that was almost international (you have to listen to the message). However, Pastor is helping us understand the point here that Jesus was teaching His disciples that you are a citizen of the Kingdom. In our scripture, Pastor Watley explains pressing this point to the disciples and to us as Christians. We are Kingdom citizens, and as citizens, Pastor makes it clear that we:

- Have purpose
- Have power
- And Have protection



All of this we have confirmed as citizens in God's Kingdom. God continues to help us understand that Jesus was teaching that our Kingdom goes with us everywhere we go. We "carry" the peace of the Lord. Paul was a great example of this, as Pastor shares, because he traveled across the world sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and wasn't concerned about how people received him. Paul had the level of "peace" that Jesus was speaking about in the scripture. Pastor helps us by defining peace from the Old Testament as

"Shalom meaning total well-being, prosperity and security associated with God's presence among His people."

As a result of having this peace, Pastor encourages us to know that we have ultimate victory. We don't operate for victory. We operate FROM victory because God has already won. This means, as Pastor shares, that we should walk as Kingdom citizens with a sense of:

- Adventure
- Boldness
- Confidence
- Defiance
- Expectation

As we walk this way, we acknowledge the privilege level that only God can give us, and we see in scripture.

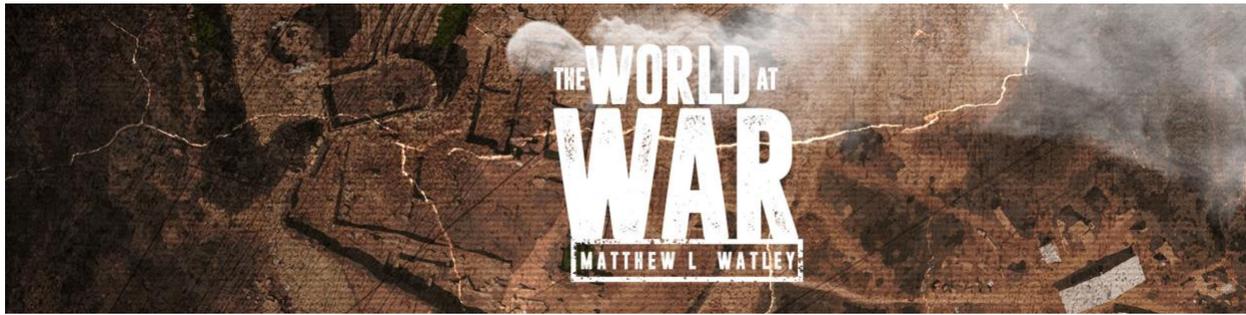
- *Romans 4:17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;*
- *Matthew 18:19 ¹⁹ "Again^[a] I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."*

Lastly, Pastor warns us that as we have the victory already, it will cost us, and we must be prepared for it. Our success or work will cost us:

- It will cost us pride and comfort
- It will cost us some dreams and aspirations
- It will cost us some suffering

Our job is to trust God and what God is doing in our lives and not quit too soon, not stop too early because, as Pastor shared, our "yet" is on the way.





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?