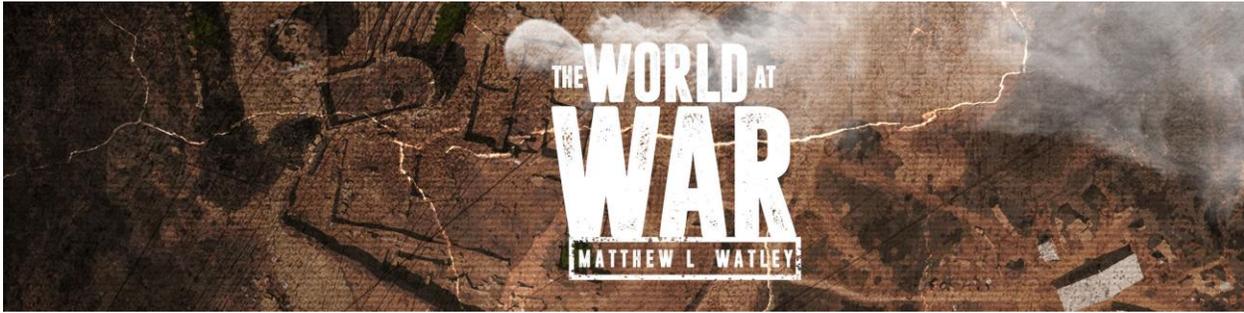


“God’s Gonna Have The Last Word”

1. READ

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-31 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁴ “A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household! ²⁶ Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.



Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Matthew 10, Deuteronomy 32:30; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Matthew 5:7-12 and Proverbs 9:10

REFLECT



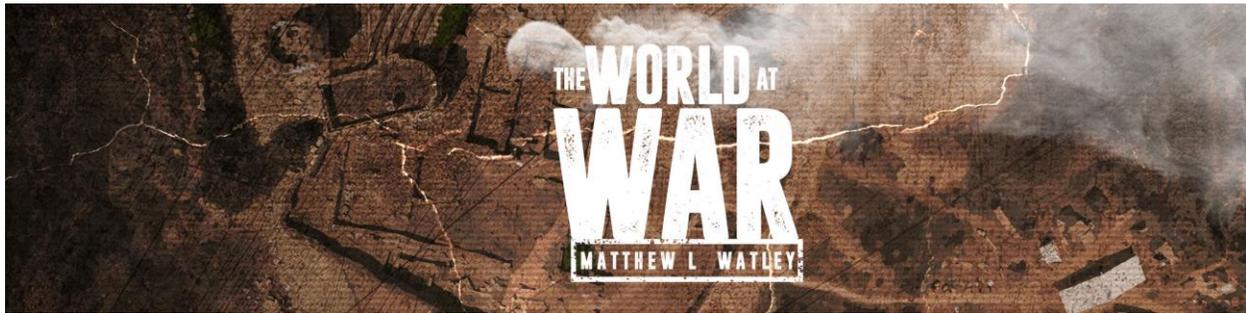
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Pastor Watley concludes his sermon series “The World At War” this week, and his sermon title for today is “God’s Gonna Have The Last Word.” Before Pastor gets to the scripture today, he reads to quotes:

A reading The Man In the Arena by President Theodore Roosevelt

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the





triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

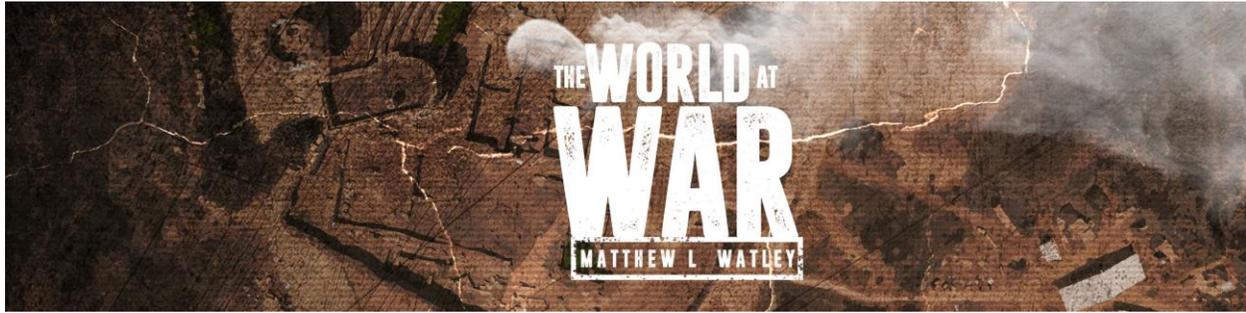
*A reading of If we must die –By Claude McKay
If we must die, let it not be like hogs
Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,
While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs,
Making their mock at our accursed lot.
If we must die, O let us nobly die,
So that our precious blood may not be shed
In vain; then even the monsters we defy
Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!
O kinsmen! we must meet the common foe!
Though far outnumbered let us show us brave,
And for their thousand blows deal one death-blow!
What though before us lies the open grave?
Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack,
Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!*

Pastor shares these quotes in addition to the scripture today to help us understand that God wants us not to give in but to dare and move forward. As Christians, Pastor is helping us know; we should know that if they called Jesus Beelzebub or Satan, they would also accuse us.

Pastor says, “Leadership is most often not about glory and power, but leadership is about sacrifice and suffering.”

At some point, everyone who is a leader must bear the burden of leadership, and if we “Stay the course,” God will reward those who do what God has called us to do. Pastor shares that God has called us.

- God is calling us to **live** sacrificially.
- God is calling us to **give** sacrificially.
- God is calling us to **forgive** sacrificially.
- God is calling us to **serve** sacrificially.



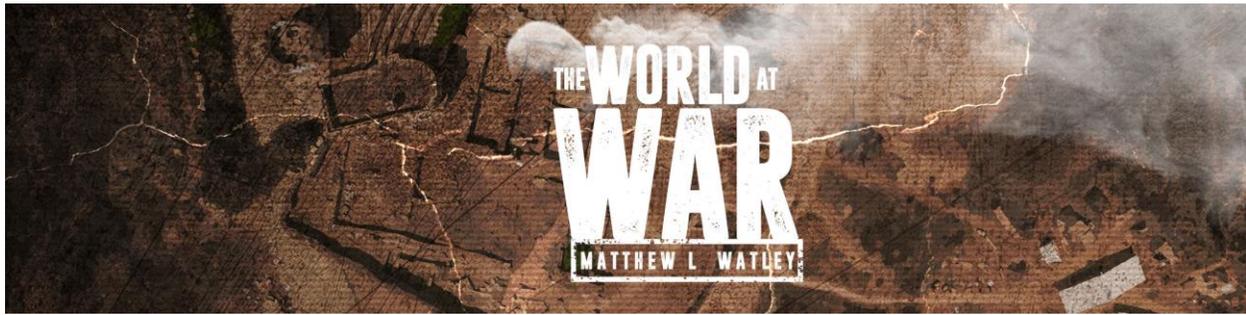
God calls us to be part of God's plan, but we have to be willing to serve and do what God says, knowing that God will always have the last word. Even when it looks complicated, or it looks difficult, God doesn't want us to fear.

Pastor shares that Jesus in the scripture prepares us and tells us that we shouldn't fear because:

1. The covering will be taken off
2. It's time to go public with the Gospel
3. People have limited power over their lives

What God said God would do, and we can't fear anyone else because we are part of God's plan. Pastor closes with examples of some real-life Christians who didn't fear.

- Bree Newsome <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/14/us/politics/bree-newsome-bass-confederate-flag.html>
- Dr. Robert Turner <https://vernoname.com/about/reverend-turner/>
- Rev. Ratona Stokes-Robinson <https://www.christianpost.com/news/nj-ame-church-rejects-appointed-pastor-because-of-her-sex.html>



1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï How is God calling you?
- ï What things have you allowed to stop you and cause you to fear?

Discussion Questions

- ï How do you think the disciples reacted to Jesus' word about not being fearful in the face of danger?