

Stand Firm: Standing Firm in Spiritual Battles

Sermon # 18, 1 Peter 5:5-11

Main Point: *Stand firm by faith in the spiritual battles of life.*

Getting to Know You

1. Do you believe in “spiritual battles”? Why or why not?
OR
What has been the hardest battle of your life? How did you handle it?

Getting into the Book

Read 1 Peter 5:5-7

2. How would you define humility? (After the group has answered, consult Philippians 2:3-8 for a definition and example)
3. How does God respond to arrogance? How does He respond to humility? Why do you think He responds like this?
4. What does verse 7 say we should do with our anxiety?
 - a. Why?
 - b. How consistent are you with casting your cares on the Lord through prayer?
5. Why do you think humility is so important as we face the spiritual battles of life?

Read 1 Peter 5:8-9

6. What are some Biblical descriptions of the devil that come to your mind? See John 8:44; 10:10.
7. What attitudes are we commanded to have concerning our enemy?
8. What illustration does the Holy Spirit use to underscore how ferocious Satan is?
 - a. In what common ways do you see Satan devouring Christians today?
 - b. What are some areas in your life where Satan is setting you up to devour you?
9. How are we told to respond to Satan’s attack? What are some practical ways we can do this each day?

Getting Out There

10. Read 1 Peter 5:10-11. In light of the spiritual battles of life, what is God communicating to you about Himself, in terms of your ultimate hope as a Christian?

Pray

Praise God that He is victorious over Satan through His Son Jesus Christ. Ask the group to pray for you regarding a particular temptation or spiritual battle you are facing right now.