

Sin is an Insurgency

Do you know the kind of fight you're
in?

What we'll talk about

- The Enemy
- Your Mission/Task
- Your Tactics/Techniques

Terms to Understand

- Center of Gravity:
 - The source of strength and power, if deprived collapse will follow
- Safe Haven
 - Where the enemy is safe from attack where it can rearm, refit, retrain, recruit, and rest.

The Enemy

- 1 Peter 5: 8-9
 - Be of sober spirit
 - Your adversary:
 - The devil *Prowls* around
 - Roaring lion
 - Seeking to devour
 - Be Alert
 - Resist him, firm in the faith

Satan

- He is looking for the weak, the young, the old, the fat, the slow, the asleep, lazy, **the complacent**
- He is constantly adjusting his tactics to ours
 - He watches and learns where we are weak
 - When we adjust to his tactics he will adjust to our new tactics

Our Center of Gravity

- Think of our COG as our walk with Christ, our relationship with Him, the Holy Spirit at work within us, and our obedience to him.
 - ***This is what Satan will attack. In this war we are fighting for our faith (trust and confidence). Satan will use our sinful nature as our gap, as our weakness and he will use a variety of ways to try to weaken our walk with Christ.***

Satan desire

- Limit our interaction with God:
 - Prayer:
 - Flesh rebels
 - Mind goes racing off on bunny trails before I get past the first sentence
 - Being in the Word:
 - Excuses are many
 - Too busy, I already read it, it's boring, yada, yada, yada

Flesh Rebels

- Kris Lungaard: “The Enemy Within”
 - One bite at a time
 - Dogmatic
 - Rabbit trails
 - Safe Havens
 - Pride-knowledge
 - Our own way
 - Neglect private comm with God

What are your “Gaps”

- The list is long and it’s personalized for each person’s area of weakness
 - Anger
 - Pride
 - Lust
 - Self discipline
 - Greed
 - etc

Where are your Safe Havens

- Unconfessed sin
- Unrepentant sin
- Lack of forgiveness
- The Not-so-bads

Your Task/Mission

- **Build Faith**

Good News

If Christian=War is won

- Eph 2: 8-9
 - It is a gift, it is ALL a gift
- Col 1: 9-12, 29
 - . . .strengthened with all power, according to [e]His glorious might, [f]for the attaining of all steadfastness and [g]patience;. . .
 -according to His [a]power, which [b]mightily works within me

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- 1 Peter 1: 13-15
 - “Therefore, [\[a\]](#)prepare your minds for action. . . .”
 - “. . .be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior”
- How much time does it take to be an expert, or good or just proficient?

The Terrain you're on

- The world system that Satan has created
 - The enticements
 - The compromises
 - The false teachers

Your Tactics

- Eph 6: 10-18
 - Be strong
 - Put on
 - Stand firm
 - Take up
 - Stand firm
 - Gird
 - Put on
 - Short
 - Taking up
 - Take
 - Be alert

Put On/Take Up

- Put on the boots, breastplate, helmet
- Hold Shield of Faith
- Hold Sword of the Spirit-The Word of God
- Takes effort to do this
 - Read, study, meditate on God's Word
 - More than a verse or two or chapter a day

Techniques

- MUST DO-Non negotiable
 - Read, study, and OBEY the Word
 - Pray
 - Individually
 - Corporately
 - For leadership
 - Fellowship
 - Memorize
 - Focused Reading
 - With your bride
 - PUT ON THE ARMOR

Conclusion

There is no try

There is only Obey

Resources

- Bible
 - TCAD
- Kris Lundgaard: “The Enemy Within”
- Tim Challies blog “Not Putting Sin to Death” 1/05/12
- Boatload of messages from:
 - John Marc Wiemann
 - Curtis Solomon
 - John MacArthur
 - John Piper
 - Paul Washer
 - Al Molher
 - Steve Lawson
- Carrie Foldberg
 - Suitable helper-extraordinaire!

Questions

- What is the center of gravity?
 - How should we think of it as it applies to our flesh?
- Who/What is the enemy?
 - How does the enemy attack us?
 - What are some “gaps” in your life that allows the enemy to attack?
- What are Safe Havens?
 - What are Safe Havens in your life that need to be removed.
- What is your task in fighting this war?
 - What keeps you from daily holding onto the shield of faith and sword of the Spirit?
 - What will you do to change this?
- What are some “techniques” that we Must Do in order to be obedient?
- Who is on your flank and whose flank are you on?

Questions

- What is our task in fighting this insurgency called our sinful nature?
 - What are our tactics in fighting this war?
 - Why does it take effort to hold onto the shield of faith?
 - Why does it take effort to hold onto the sword of the Spirit, the word of God?
 - How do we apply this to our life
- What are some techniques we **MUST** do in order to be successful
- What can we pray for you to help you be obedient to God's call?