

NEFARIOUS

Nefarious - Week 2

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called Nefarious. How do you feel about spiritual warfare? Are there really demons and the devil and dark forces at work around you or is this all just something you conjured up in your head? Spiritual war is upon you whether you like it or not.

This week in Part 2 we will be looking at the schemes that Satan has for each one of us, and what each of us can do to be prepared to battle those schemes. Do you even know you are in a fight? Are you ready for spiritual war?

Questions:

1. What does it mean that Satan is not God's equal opposite? Is it shocking to know that he's not smarter or stronger than God, but he's smarter and stronger than you? What will happen if you try to fight him on your own? 2 Corinthians 2:11
2. Have you ever wondered 'why does Satan keep screwing up my life?' Even though you are a Christian and can't lose your salvation, do you know that Satan will still oppress you, attack you and create havoc in your life? Are you prepared to deal with that spiritual warfare and his schemes?
3. Why do you need to be ready to take a stand against Satan? What does it mean that he has schemes specifically for you? If he is the father of lies, and lying is his native language how can you expect him to attack you? Ephesians 6:10-12

4. Why do you think that you need the full armor of God? If you know that he will attack you with lies, where is it that Satan will target you? How can he know your weaknesses? Since he is watching you and tracking you, what happens if you only have on part of the armor of God? Ephesians 6:13-17
5. If the first weakness that Satan will exploit is: Not knowing who God truly is or what He promises, how can you know God better? How has Satan exploited this weakness all the way back to the beginning of time? In the midst of the battle, why does it help you to know the truth of God and His promises? Genesis 3:1-5
6. If the second weakness that Satan will exploit is: You don't know who you are and what God says is true about you, where can you research that or discover what is actually true about you? What definition are you carrying around about yourself? Does that definition match what God says is true about you?
7. Do you know that Satan is coming after each of us and after you specifically, he will dredge up your past to use against you, that you are in a spiritual war that you cannot win on your own? What is your only hope? Are you prepared for his schemes against you by putting on the full armor of God?
Ephesians 6:10-11

Key Takeaway: *No matter what happens, you need to hold on to the truth of who God is and who he says you are, and you need to put on the full armor of God so that you can take a stand against his schemes for you.*

Summary:

- Satan is not God's equal opposite, he's not smarter than God, but he's smarter than you
- Satan is not God's equal opposite, he's not stronger than God, but he's stronger than you
- You need to be ready to take a stand because Satan has schemes for each of us specifically
- You need the Full armor of God to provide protection for your weaknesses
- Weakness #1: Not knowing who God truly is or what He promises
- Weakness #2: You don't know who you are and what God says is true about you
- Satan is coming after you, whether you like it or not you are in spiritual warfare and you can't fight this war by yourself, what's your only hope?