

PREPARING FOR BATTLE

John 15.12-17 // June 20, 2021

SUITING UP FOR WAR

2 Corinthians 10.3, 4 // Ephesians 6.12 // John 13.34, 35
1 Corinthians 13.1-3

Though we are physically living in this world, our battle is not against physical rulers and shouldn't be fought with physical weapons of the flesh. We fight differently, and against an enemy that is invisible. It is easy for us to lower our standards and fight the way the enemy fights, but we fight differently.

THE CALL TO DIE

Romans 9.1-3 // Matthew 5.43-48 // Galatians 5.13-15

**When we give up on non-believers,
we are actually giving up on the Gospel.**

The Apostle Paul personified the command to love not only his friends, but also his enemies. He expressed pain and sorrow over the lostness of the Jews and desired to even be accursed, if possible, so that they could be saved.

**When Christ calls a man,
he bids to him, "come and die."**
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

THE CHOSEN FRIEND OF GOD

We can root our love for each other in the confidence of knowing we have been chosen by God to be His friend, despite at one time being His enemy. We are able to love one another, because God of the universe loves us. Now, with the unity of the Spirit with brothers and sisters, and with the identity of being God's friends, we are able to stand firm as we speak the truth in love. We can boldly stand for the great truth of the Gospel, while firmly standing in a place of love, graciousness, patience, and a desire to "be accursed" for the sake of God's own enemies.

Colossians 3.12-17



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 5:2

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 15.12-17**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

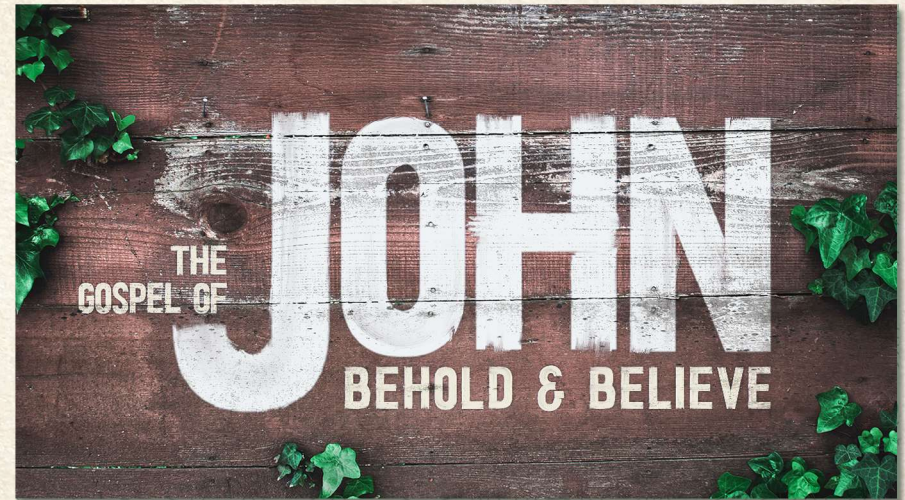
How does the truth that it was God's choice to love you and call you His friend make your unity with the church and love for God's enemies a more urgent command and pursuit?

Your Life Mission

There are many enemies of the Gospel in your life. At some point (maybe already), they may hate you and the message of the cross. What conversations do you need prayer for, that you might bring the kindness of the Lord that leads to repentance?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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