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Part 7: *Winning the War We're In*

1 Peter 4:1-11

Opening Question: Why do you think the Bible so often refers to God, His angels, and Christians as warriors in battle? What are we fighting for, and who are we fighting against?

In 1 Peter 4:1-11, Peter shared three things that Christians can do to win the war we're in.

1. Be _____ with the _____ of _____.

1 Peter 4:1-5 - Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

What does it look like to arm yourself with Christ's attitude? What difference does it make?

Why do you think Christians often look back on their worst day and say, "That was the best thing that ever happened to me"?

2. Stay _____ in _____.

1 Peter 4:7 - The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

Why is it important to pray with a sense of urgency?

How would you pray if you knew today could be your last?

3. Be _____ to _____.

1 Peter 4:8-11 - Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever.

What is the "80/20 Rule" and how does it apply to many churches and other organizations?

What are "Spiritual Gifts" (see Rom. 12:3-8, 1 Cor. 12:8-10), and what purpose do they serve?

Have you made yourself available to serve the Lord? If so, how? And what has it cost you? If not, what factors have held you back?

Your Notes: