

November 3, 2019 SERMON SUMMARY

Rick Myatt



WAR STORY

32nd in a Series on Ephesians called, "Messages to the Misfits"

Passage: Ephesians 6:10-12 - Topic: Spiritual War

This past Sunday, Rick continued our series on the Book of Ephesians, with a sermon from Chapter 6 on the subject of the spiritual war that rages all around us at all times.

He pointed out that unlike team sports, in wrestling there is little to no opportunity to take a breather. It's just you and your opponent. And that Greek word for wrestling is what Paul uses to describe the spiritual war in which we are all involved.

Rick also made the point that when people are causing difficulty in life, they are often being manipulated by the enemy to do so. That was the case with Paul, who was thwarted by visiting the Ephesians by people, and he called that being thwarted by spiritual adversaries.

Rick advised us that if we know what's good for us we will be aware of what is really going on, exercising situational awareness, and to adjust our tactics accordingly. He said to remember that it is not the pawn who is our adversary, but the person moving it - and so it is also with our spiritual adversaries, and use spiritual weapons such as faith, love, power - trusting in God's power. He cautioned us to always remember that the enemy's goal is to rip us away from God and demolish our faith, so the best thing we can do is to renew our faith and fortify it. Resisting the devil actually makes him quake and flee! So stand firm in faith, recognize what Satan is up to, and trust in God.