

**City Church Network - Tuesday Fellowship**

**January 21, 2020**

**Identity: Warrior Identity**

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**Bible passages examined:**

- Romans 7:13-25 (sin)
- Ephesians 6:10-18 (Satan's forces)
- I Peter 5:8-10 (resisting; overcoming)

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**Thoughts and ideas shared after reading the passages above:**

- Our true enemies are **sin** and **Satan**, not other people
- Our warrior identity:
  - *All followers of Jesus are in the middle of a cosmic spiritual battle between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. The battle for the Kingdom of God will be won. Our true enemies are sin (inside us) and Satan (outside us). Human beings are not our true enemies. Our joyful task as warriors is to engage wholeheartedly in the battle against sin and Satan.*
- Barriers to embracing our spiritual warrior identity:
  - Desire for control over outcomes
  - Focus on human barriers and intolerance of others
  - Emphasis on physical and emotional well-being rather than spiritual well-being; spiritual well-being normally leads to physical and emotional well-being; neglecting spiritual well-being will lead away from physical and emotional well-being
  - Materialism
  - Busyness
  - Deflection / denial / blame
- How to fight victoriously:
  - Trust in Jesus as revealed in the Bible (treasuring Jesus)
  - Wait on and surrender to Jesus in prayer (praying to Jesus)
  - Use the weapons of Jesus in our battles (study Ephesians 6 list) (depending on Jesus)

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**Thoughts and ideas shared after reading the passages above (continued):**

- Other notes:
  - It is important to reflect on the difference between sin and temptation; Satan wants us to walk in shame just because of a temptation since his true ability to accuse was taken away by the blood of Jesus, but the temptation itself is no sin.
  - It is critical to see sin as separate from my identity; sin does not define me or hold me back; I can overcome because of God's Spirit in me (Romans 7:17).
  - Question for reflection: What barriers exist in my own heart preventing me from fighting victoriously?
  - It is vitally important to study our besetting sins.
  - It is vitally important to understand Satan and how he works (goals, methods, practices, characteristics, etc.).

