

# All About Jesus Revival Seminar

## #9 - This is War

1. Thought Question: As a follower of Jesus, what has been your greatest spiritual battle – the toughest issue you have had to face in terms of your spiritual life?

2. Ephesians 6:10-13 - An invitation to WAR!

- Against the supernatural - Not against the human (including yourself)
- To not only stand through the battle, but still be standing strong at the end of the day
- There is always more going on than meets the eye

See also: Amazing Grace, p.36.1 - The fallen world is the battlefield for the greatest conflict the heavenly universe and earthly powers have ever witnessed. It was appointed as a theater on which would be fought out the grand struggle between good and evil, between heaven and hell. Every human being acts a part in this conflict. No one can stand on neutral ground.

3. Which team are you on?

a. Both Team-S and Team-M are disconnected from JESUS

Jesus is the only source of LIFE

So whether you are on either the S-Team-S or M-Team

You will end up just as DEAD

b. There really is no M-Team

1) God is LOVE – He respects and protects freedom

God only enters and takes control where INVITED - with your PERMISSION

2) Satan is POWER and CONTROL – He hates and rejects freedom

Satan invades and takes control unless PREVENTED by a higher power.

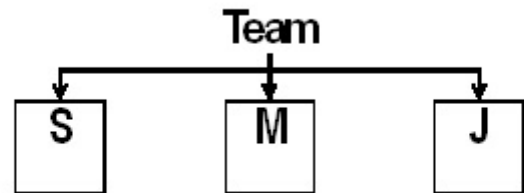
3) So - Unless you CHOOSE to join the J-Team of your own free will,

The S-Team will force an IRRESISTIBLE HOSTILE TAKEOVER

c. Matthew 6:24 - No one can serve two masters

d. Luke 11:23 - He who is not with me is against me

See also: Desire of Ages, p.324.1 - We must inevitably be under the control of the one or the other of the two great powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world. It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light. If we do not co-operate with the heavenly agencies, Satan will take possession of the heart, and will make it his abiding place.



4. The Battle is REAL

a. 2 Kings 6:8-17 - Elisha and an army of fire around Dothan

b. Daniel 10:2-14 - Daniel and the three-week battle regarding the Prince of the Kingdom of Persia

See also: Signs of the Times, Oct 29, 1894 (p.1614.6) - Could our eyes be opened, and could each see the conflict of angelic agencies with the Satanic confederacy, who are combined with evil human agencies, what astonishment would come upon the soul.... Could our spiritual vision be opened, we should see that which would never be effaced from the memory as long as life should last. We should see souls bowed down under oppression, loaded with grief...and ready to die in discouragement. We should see angels flying swiftly to aid the tempted ones...forcing back the evil angels, and guiding the souls away from the dangerous places... We should see battles going on between the two armies, as real as those fought by opposing forces on earth.

5. The Good Fight vs. the Bad Fight - Our part in this battle

- 1 Timothy 6:12 - Fight the good fight of faith...
- 1 Timothy 1:18 - Wage the good warfare...
- John 6:28-29 - Work the works of God - Work on trust
- Relationship works vs. Behavior works

6. Satan's Weapons

a. Busyness

1) Matthew 13:22 - Seed in thorny ground - Choked by cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches

2) Psalm 46:10 - Be STILL, and know...

See also: Review & Herald, September 29, 1896 - But it has ever been the tempter's determined purpose to eclipse Jesus from the view...

Steps to Christ, p.71.2 - ...it is Satan's constant effort to keep the attention diverted from the Savior and thus prevent the union and communion of the soul with Christ.

Review & Herald, June 25, 1895 - [Satan] has laid subtle plans by which to destroy man. It is his purpose to...hide Jesus from our view...  
Early Writings, p.269.2 - Evil angels crowded around, pressing darkness upon them to shut out Jesus from their view... Their only safety was in keeping their eyes directed upward.  
Review & Herald, April 8, 1890 - Satan will seek to discourage the followers of Christ, so that they may not pray or study the Scriptures, and he will throw his hateful shadow athwart the path to hide Jesus from the view...

- b. Strange Stupor
  - 1) Luke 9:28-35 - Transfiguration - Overcome with sleep
  - 2) Matthew 26:36-46 - Gethsemane - Their eyes were heavySee also: Desire of Ages, p.688.1 - They did not intend to forsake their Lord, but they seemed paralyzed by a stupor which they might have shaken off if they had continued pleading with God.
- c. Discouragement over Failure
  - 1) Mark 14:26-31 - Jesus predicts all the disciples would stumble - and Peter would deny
  - 2) John 13:37 - 14:3 - Let not YOUR heart be troubled. Trust in me!
- d. Focus on Overcoming Sinful Behavior
  - 1) Ephesians 6:12 - Fighting the battle where the battle isn't
  - 2) 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - We do not war according to the flesh

## 7. Fighting Back

- a. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus - Not on yourself or your behavior
  - 1) John 3:14-15 - Look and live
  - 2) John 12:32 - If I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself
  - 3) 2 Corinthians 3:18 - By beholding we are being transformedSee also: Youth's Instructor, May 12, 1898 (p.402.8) - We have before us a warfare,—a lifelong conflict with Satan and his seductive temptations.... As long as we continue to keep our eyes fixed upon the Author and Finisher of our faith, we shall be safe.... By daily contemplating his matchless charms, we must grow more and more into his glorious image. While we thus live in communion with Heaven, Satan will lay his nets for us in vain.
- b. Stay connected to Jesus
  - 1) John 15:1-5 - Abide in the Vine
  - 2) John 6:48-57 - Eat the Bread of LifeSee also: Desire of Ages, p.324.1 - The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end.
- c. Prayer - Continual communion with Jesus
  - 1) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks...
  - 2) Philippians 4:6-7 - In everything by prayer and supplication...let your requests be made known to GodSee also: Signs of the Times, November 18, 1886 (p.933.5) - Satan...cannot bear to have his powerful rival appealed to. At the sound of fervent prayer, the hosts of darkness tremble. Fearing that their captive may escape, they form a wall around him, that Heaven's light may not reach his soul. But if in his distress and helplessness the sinner looks to Jesus, pleading the merits of his blood, our compassionate Redeemer listens to the earnest, persevering prayer of faith, and sends to his deliverance a re-enforcement of angels that excel in strength. And when these angels, all-powerful, clothed with the armory of Heaven, come to the help of the fainting, pursued soul, the angels of darkness fall back, well knowing that their battle is lost...

## 8. Promise of Victory - Isaiah 49:24-25 - The captives of the mighty shall be taken...

for I will contend with those who contend with you...

See also: Desire of Ages, p.324.1 - When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart.... The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan.

## 9. The one thing God cannot do - is to seek Himself in relationship for you The one thing you cannot do - is to change your heart

