

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 9/23/07

“Prepared for the Battle - 1 Peter 5”

I. Topic to be Discussed

- A. Our Spiritual Battle: A battle we MUST win
- B. How Will We Fare? Some will lose, a few will be victorious.
 - 1. It depends on your approach to the battle.

II. How Satan Works

- A. Trials, Unfair Authorities, Deception, Spirit of Compromise
- B. Peter's conclusion (chap 5): Get ready for the BATTLE!

III. Preparing for the Battle

- A. God Knows How Satan Works and has Prepared You for the Battle
 - 1. 1 Peter 5:1-4 - exhortations to elders (leaders)
 - 2. How Satan works:
 - a. Destroy the STRENGTH of the church
 - b. God has designed the church - elders - guide, lead, direct
- B. Remember Arrogance Will Destroy Your Soul
 - 1. 1 Peter 5:5-6 - submit and be humble toward each other
 - 2. Submission is one main theme in 1 Peter - to authorities, etc.
 - 3. Satan attacks the church by promoting ego
 - 4. God will EMPOWER us as we humble ourselves
- C. Don't Become Distracted - Remember God's Love for You
 - 1. 1 Peter 5:7 - castING all your care on God
 - 2. God cares about what you go through, what others say about you, what they do to you, and the sacrifices you have to make!
 - 3. Matthew 19:29 - everyone who has left... shall receive...
 - 4. Satan wants those distraction to STOP your work for God.
- D. Put on Your Game Face - the War is On
 - 1. 1 Peter 5:8 - be sober and vigilant - Satan is a lion
 - 2. Satan doesn't care about your happiness or your soul!
 - 3. What are we going to do about it??? - Better get serious!!!
- E. Let God's Power be Seen in Our Weaknesses
 - 1. 1 Pet 5:9-11 - Be strong in faith- others suffer- God will glorify
 - 2. Their trials were worth it: Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - 3. We face a powerful enemy - Are we willing to suffer?
 - 4. Life is short - live it for God, it will be worth it!!!

IV. Conclusion

- A. Begin the battle today, take up the armor, see the victory
- B. God doesn't forget about you... He calls you often