

Remnant Life Church  
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Not Just Surviving But Winning  
*Who Are We Fighting?*  
Ephesians 6:12

**Review** –

- Origin of Satan in Isaiah and Ezekiel
- Who he was before the fall
  - He fell with his same measure of angelic power
  - Sin is enticing
  - Pleasurable for a season
    - **Heb. 11:25** - He (Moses) chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. (temporary)
    - Pleasure – (e-kho) – wear; grasp; hold close to yourself
      - Not uncontrolled but of our own choosing
    - **James 4:4** - You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who **chooses** to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.
- Pride led to his expulsion from heaven
- What is he after in us?
  - Our mind
  - Our heart
  - Our soul
  - Our body

**Ephesians 6:12 defines who our true battle is against -**

1. **How do we separate the flesh and blood from the spirit?**
  - a. Begins with a genuine love born out of God's love within us – a love we cannot manufacture or somehow muster up
    - i. Corrie Ten Boom story

- ii. We do not have to “work up” that love it is given to us by God if we are willing to receive it
- b. Maturity to know that you do not always win, get your own way, are treated fairly or that life is fair.

## 2. What is our guideline for how we are to behave?

- a. **Luke 10:25-29** – Jesus answers the expert in the law (Pharisee)
- b. Jesus tells him that the lowest of men are our neighbors (The good Samaritan story)
- c. There are no criteria, stipulations or levels of importance that dictate if we love or not
- d. Jesus said in **Matt 25:40** “The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'”
- e. **Luke 6:29** - If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic.

## 3. We are called to live differently

- a. Different than the world – when we encounter a situation
  - i. Revenge?           Never
  - ii. Walked on?       Sometimes
  - iii. Faithful?         Always
  - iv. Rewarded?       Forever
- b. **Isaiah 9:2** - The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
  - i. Speaking of God’s greatness to His people
  - ii. But we have that same light inside of us to shine out in the darkness if we are willing to allow it to be revealed