

# SERMON NOTES

SERMON DATE: **Sunday, Sept 6, 2020**  
SERMON TITLE: **Getting the Big Picture**  
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BIBLE TEXT: **Ephesians 6:12**

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***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” – Ephesians 6:12***

- Everything that has happened, does happened and ever will happen is traceable back to and caused by one event. The event took place in the halls of heaven at some unspecified date millenia ago.
- The greatest thing happening around us – the most important thing – is that there is a war going on and every single one of us is participating in it

## 1. Focus on fighting the right enemy

- 1 Corinthians 15:50
- The church has always had one calling – to win the lost to Christ. That is the key to the war between God and Satan
- Ephesians 6:12 – our fight is not cultural: our fight must be spiritual

**EVERYTHING IS A SPIRITUAL THING.  
EVERY FIGHT IS A SPIRITUAL FIGHT.  
EVERY WAR IS A SPIRITUAL WAR.**

***“Because we wrestle not with flesh and blood...” (1 Cor. 15:50)***

- **James 4:1-7** – James draws our attention to the words *war, fight, kill...* and all of the turmoil. But James brings it back to the big picture – “**resist the devil**, and he will flee from you.”

- The side we choose to fight on is the biggest thing in our life
- We submit either to GOD or to SATAN
- **2 Kings 6:8-17** – we often are like Elisha’s servant – freaking out!
- **We need to get back to the biggest theological picture: that Satan is always attacking God’s creation**

**Satan has been on a singular mission:  
destroy what God loves.**

## 2. Focus on fighting with the right weapons

2 Corinthians 10:4 – *“the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but might through God..”*

- A. The Word of God (Heb. 4:12)
- B. Prayer (Psalm 20:6-8)

## 3. Focus on following your leader

Proverbs 4:14 – *“Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.”*

- We are all on a path headed in a direction. Someone is leading you on the path you are on.
- God wants you to follow Him on the right path
- Psalm 59:10 – *“My God of mercy shall come to meet me; God shall let me see my desire on my enemies.”*

***The greatest temporary is just that – temporary.  
But every eternal victory is just that – eternal.***

***The first step of getting the big picture is to understand that  
without Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior,***

***YOU CANNOT FIGHT ON THE RIGHT SIDE.***

