



This week's sermon talking points:

1. As we confront difficult and significant issues, there's always an enemy who wants to see us implode or destroyed.
2. Trusting in God and humbling yourself before Him does not withdraw you from the battle.
3. The devil- who is the he?
  - a. Created
  - b. Originally Perfect
  - c. An anointed cherub
  - d. Now fallen
  - e. Ruler of 1/3 of angels, fallen... demons
  - f. Lots of Names –
  - g. Certain doom
  - h. Not Omni-present, Not omniscient, Not all powerful
  - i. Subservient to God's plan
  - j. Still very powerful, very "crafty", and controlling in this world...
  - k. Ruler of the demons
4. Then there is one more description- "prowling around as a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."
5. Living life well isn't a game... it's warfare.
6. We don't go on the attack. We don't go on the offensive or go out looking for him. When he comes, we are to stand ground.
7. Knowing we aren't alone in any of this gives us encouragement and a reminder that help is near!
8. Where are you this morning?
  - a. Running scared?
  - b. Being devoured?
  - c. Numbed to all things spiritual- blinded by him without Christ?
  - d. Facing the Lion, standing your ground?

Questions:

1. What stuck out to you from this weekend's message? Why?
2. Constantly being sober and alert isn't easy. What makes it hard? When do you find it hardest? What steps do you do to stay sharp?
3. Do you remember first being introduced to the reality of Satan and demons? How has your perspective/understanding of these beings changed as you continued in the faith?
4. Why does Peter refer to the Satan as a roaring lion who is prowling around? What experiences do you have with lions (at zoos, on tv, etc.)? How does that image help shape your understanding?
5. What is spiritual warfare? How does it work? When was the last time you sensed you were in a spiritual battle of sorts?
6. What is our job, according to Scripture, when a spiritual attack happens?
7. When it comes to dealing with Satan, how is being a Christian different than being lost?
8. Being alone in our battle is very difficult. The enemy loves to isolate us from the "flock" in order to devour us. Why are we so willing to pull away by ourselves? What can we do as believers to avoid this?
9. How do you see both the physical and spiritual realities which are operate around you? How do you maintain a balance so as not to leave one ignored or forgotten?