

WORSHIP
In the Winter

WORSHIP as Warfare

SERMON RESOURCE

Our Liturgy



The Lord is here — His Spirit is with us.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is — there is Freedom!

CONNECT

— 15 MINUTES

When you hear the phrase “spiritual battle,” what comes to mind? Something dramatic, routine, or something you rarely think about?

REVIEW

— 30 MINUTES

Key passage: 1 Peter 5:8–9

- Every believer faces opposition—often through fear, anxiety, discouragement, or apathy.
- Being alert means spiritually awake, not obsessed with the enemy nor ignorant of him.
- God calls us to know who He is, who we are, how the enemy works, and how to respond.
- What kinds of challenges are you facing right now—internally, relationally, or circumstantially?
- Are you most likely to be vulnerable to fear, anxiety, discouragement, or apathy?

Read 2 Chronicles 20:1–30

- v. 6–7; what do you notice about how Jehoshaphat beings his prayer? Is this something practical that you could incorporate in your prayers?
- v. 11–12; is there an area of your life where you feel powerless right now? How are you responding?
- As you ask God for help, how ready do you feel to obey His instructions?
- v. 15–17; do not be afraid or discouraged: these are the main strategies of the enemy (definition includes dread, trembling, anxious, dismayed, confused, scared). How have you found the enemy brings this to your life?



- Action steps include:
 - Go—face the challenge; no apathy or passivity
 - Take your position— trust and faith
 - Stand — watch the Lord work
 - What might this look like practically for you?
- Zechariah 2:b — whoever torments you pokes God in the eye; how does this idea land with you?
- v. 20; believe and you will stand firm; what do you think this means? How do you activate belief in your life?
- v. 21-24; how does worship act as warfare?
- What keeps you from worship?



APPLICATION

— 30 MINUTES

Read Ephesians 1:19-23

- Picture current challenges. Acknowledge, "I don't know what to do, but I am looking to You."
- Where is Christ seated according to Eph. 1? Declare, "The battle is not mine, but the Lords!"
- Where might fear, discouragement, or apathy be limiting your faith? Declare "In the name of Jesus and by the power of the cross, I break agreement with fear, discouragement, and apathy. I command these things out of my life now! Out of my thoughts and emotions, actions and reactions, away from how I see myself, my situation, and from how I see others. Away from my family, and out of my destiny and calling. Jesus, what do you have for me instead?" Wait for a sense of His presence and promises.
- How is God calling you to move forward, wait to see Him act, and worship intentionally?
- Sing I Raise a Hallelujah over your situation

