

Text: Ephesians 6:10-12; Luke 8:26-39

Introduction

COMPLETING THE SERMON

- How might knowing that our battle is not against flesh and blood cause you to deal differently with people in your life?
- Are there ways that you have ever treated people in ways metaphorically similar to how the townspeople treated the man at Gerasenes? What would be a better approach?
- Why might denying spiritual realities produce the same results on dealing with people as thinking that they are connected to a greater spiritual conspiracy which is out to destroy them?
- Was your view of spiritual warfare challenged or adjusted at all from these texts? How might this be applied in your life?
- How might Paul's understanding of spiritual warfare (Eph. 6; 2 Cor. 6) impact how we engage people with whom we disagree whether inside or outside the church?
- How would Paul's description of the warfare he was involved in call for patient endurance on the part of the saints?

I. David and Goliath, the Remake (Luke 8:26-39)

- A. The citizens of Gerasenes did not realize that the problem was not flesh and blood.
 - i. Jesus did not consider the man before him his enemy.
 - ii. The townspeople, like some of us, look at this man and see a demoniac, not a human. Not Jesus: He saw a man.
- B. What do you see?

The way our King deals with his enemies, His Goliaths, is first: he does not not confuse the flesh and blood before him as his enemy.

- C. The two extremes of spiritual warfare:
 - i. Deny spiritual reality.
 - ii. To confuse the flesh and blood before you as one with the spiritual enemies.

