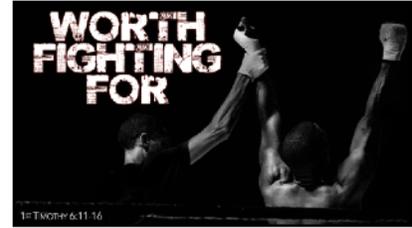


GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE
SERMON SERIES: "MAKE IT TO MATURITY"
SERMON TITLE: "WORTH FIGHTING FOR"
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◆ **Facilitator NOTE:** AS YOU PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME, LOOK THROUGH THE PASSAGES/QUESTIONS BELOW TO HELP YOURSELF PRIORITIZE THE THINGS THAT YOU DEFINITELY WANT TO COVER WITH THE TIME YOU HAVE AVAILABLE. YOU LIKELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER ALL THIS MATERIAL. TRY TO KEEP THE STUDIES TO AROUND AN HOUR FOR THE KIDS/KIDS-HELPERS SAKE.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

“WHAT YOU’RE FIGHTING FOR AND WHO’S DOING THE FIGHTING WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.”

(use the questions you want to use, ignore the ones you don't want to use, and add any that you think would be good)

WARM UP QUESTIONS:

- ☞ What in your life is worth “fighting” for?
- ☞ What in your life is not worth “fighting” for?
- ☞ What “fight” in your world sucks the most life out of you? Why so?
- ☞ What fuels you to keep fighting the right fights? What makes the biggest difference in giving you what you need?

DIVE INTO SCRIPTURE:

1st Timothy 6:11-16 — “**11** But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **13** In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you **14** to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** which God will bring about in His own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **16** who alone is immortal and who lives in

unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and might forever. Amen.”

- 🗨️ What is Timothy told to flee from in verse 11? (see verses 6-10)
- 🗨️ What is Timothy told to pursue in verse 11? Does this match what you pursue?
- 🗨️ What does Paul mean by “fight the good fight of faith”?
- 🗨️ What does this fight look like or not look like? (see below)
 - 🗨️ Read: 2ND CORINTHIANS 10:3-4 “FOR THOUGH WE LIVE IN THE WORLD, WE DO NOT WAGE WAR AS THE WORLD DOES. THE WEAPONS WE FIGHT WITH ARE NOT THE WEAPONS OF THE WORLD. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE DIVINE POWER TO DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS.”
- 🗨️ When you read verses 15+16, what should this remind us of? Who’s doing the heavy lifting?

Colossians 2:13-15 — “**13** When you were DEAD IN YOUR SINS and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you ALIVE WITH CHRIST. He forgave us all our sins, **14** having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; God has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. **15** And having DISARMED THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

- 🗨️ What does this section of scripture invoke in your mind and heart?
How does it stir you?
- 🗨️ If you’re dead, how well can you muster up the energy to do anything?
Do you see the contrast in verse 13? (“dead in your sins” + “alive with Christ”)
- 🗨️ How much did you do to pay the penalty for your sins? Who did?
- 🗨️ What does verse 15 mean to you? How should it cause us to live and think differently?

TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU “TAKEAWAY”:

☀️ Are you fighting the right fights with a strength and provision that is from God, not yourself?

🔒 Close in prayer.

MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID’S LESSON:

- I’d encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids & Bible Project}).
- Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus’ help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.
- And feel free to ask any of the kids if they’d like to say a prayer for the group.

▶️ Read **Colossians 2:15** — “**15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Ask the kiddos questions like:

- Who is stronger? You or Satan? (answer: Satan)
- Who is stronger? Satan or God? (answer: God)
- Who do you want fighting Satan on your behalf? You or God?

Activity Ideas:

👤 Do arm wrestling contests and then help one of the kids to show how much more powerful we are with God’s help. lol