

Hope Chapel New Year Theme – “Already Won in 2021”

Message Summary: Denial of reality is always a dangerous thing. Many believers in Jesus experience disaster in their faith because they live in denial of a spiritual reality. We are in a spiritual battle! If you don't understand this, you will never be able to stand firm in your faith. If there was ever a time we need to stand firm it is now. Let's understand together what this looks like and stand firm together to win in Jesus Christ.

**Already WON –
The Battle is Spiritual**
Romans 8:37

1. We must acknowledge we have a spiritual enemy

1 Peter 5:8-9; Ephesians 6:10-12

2. We must understand our enemy's strategies

A. Satan doesn't want you to worship him he wants you to act like him

Romans 1:25

B. Satan controls people with lies John 8:44

C. Satan wants geographic control of planet earth Ephesians 6:12

3. We must learn how to stand firm to win

A. WIN with spiritual alertness 1 Peter 5:8

B. WIN with spiritual authority Luke 10:17-20

C. WIN with spiritual relationships Hebrews 10:25

Winter LifeGroup Session begins January 23rd

LifeGroup Questions

Begin It (5min) – Prayer

Explore It (60min) - Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think it is so easy to live in denial of the spiritual battle that rages around us? What dangers to our faith will this denial create?
2. 1 Peter 5:8-9 and Ephesians 6:10-12 talk about our spiritual enemy. What can we learn about our enemy from these scriptures?
3. Discuss the three general strategies that were given that Satan uses. How do you see these strategies unfolding around us? How subtle are some of these strategies?
4. Discuss the three ways we stand firm and win against Satan in this spiritual conflict. Share the struggle we all have living out each one of these.

APPLY IT (15min): How does the Lord want you to grow in standing firm to win? What specific things are you going to do different this week?