Living in Enemy Territory

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INTRODUCTION

- Do you ever feel like you're outnumbered? You ever feel like you're living in enemy territory?
- However, you feel outnumbered, I hope you can make an application to this lesson for it to help you to be more of what you ought to be as a Christian.
- Beloved, I beg you, as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lust, which war against the soul.

1 We Shouldn't Be Surprised

John 1:4–11; John 15:18–25; 1 John 3:10–13

- We shouldn't be surprised that we're outnumbered. We shouldn't be surprised that we're living in enemy territory.
- He was in the world, and the world was made through him. And the world did not know him. He came to his own. And his own did not receive him.
- If the world hates you know that it hated me before it hated you.
- If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.
- Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.
- Because your deeds are righteous and theirs are wicked. And so why are we surprised? When wicked people do wicked things.

2 Learn to Live Like We're in Enemy Territory

1 Timothy 6:20; 1 Peter 3:15–16; Romans 12:9–21

- If we're living in enemy territory, and we're not surprised by it, then we must learn to live like it. And that means that we have to understand our limitations.
- We can do what we've been asked to do, but we can't do what we've never been tasked to do.
- Living like we're in enemy territory means, in fact, it demands that I live for there, not here.
- I may not be able to conquer this world. But I must not let this world conquer me.
- Do not be overcome by evil. But overcome evil with good.
- My job, living in enemy territory, is to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

THE CHALLENGE

Let every disappointment, discouragement, or defeat make you long for heaven even more. And live in hope. And live in faith as you live in enemy territory.

MY NOTES