

Missio Dei: cont'd The Invisible War

Introduction

How many metaphors of the Christian are in the N.T.

The *athlete*
farmer
builder
investor
and the *soldier*

2 Corinthian 10:1-5

v 1 “Gentleness” was accused as well as his sincerity.

v 2 Paul’s response? Only with my enemies.

Ministry in the flesh is certain failure.

v 3 Tho we walk in a physical body we cannot minister in the flesh.

I. We are at war. A spiritual war.

v 4 **II.** But physical weapons are useless.

Rather:

1. Prayer
2. The word of God
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The life of the church

III. Because we have spiritual enemies

- fortresses
- and defiant speculations

A “fortress is when error has taken over in the land

- an ideology
- a false religion

A “speculation” is produced by human reasoning.

They are lofty or arrogant and defiant.

IV. We have spiritual goals.

We pull down fortresses and then take captives for Christ.

It’s called evangelism and discipleship or “The Missio Dei.”

Conclusion: Luke 11:21-23