



OPENING SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:8-11

INTRODUCTION: Our mind and our faith can sometimes be in a state of tug of war with each other. The world is pumping one thing into our minds and into the atmosphere...while God's word speaks something entirely different! As the spirit of anti-Christ increases in our time, it will become more and more difficult to answer the call to remain holy.

MAIN TEXT: 1 Peter 1:13-20

OUTLINE:

I. Tug of War

A. Prepare your mind! What occupies the most of your mental energy?

Television, streaming apps, news, the internet, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, all of these things are distractions that take our minds away from our purpose and calling.

- We do not need to allow these things to draw out our Time in **God's word**. It is our anchor. It is our soul Shower/bath. It is our mind sanitizer! It is our shield to keep the impurities from taking over!

B. A call to Action beyond the distraction! This life, according to the scriptures, is very temporary. That means that this is just the beginning. When we come to life in Christ, we are reborn and our life begins; refreshed by the Holy Spirit.

- We pray to God for our Sanctification. That is what sets us apart from everyone else...we live by a different code: the Word of God! We sing a different song: A song to our King! We march to a different beat: the Beat of God's heart!

- Despite all the distractions, we must have a made up mind to put the word in action!

II. Satan Is Under Our Feet!

A. Satan's Note vs what God Spoke! 1 Peter 1:20 says that God knew the plan He had for our lives, involving Jesus, from before the beginning! (read **vs.20**) What did satan have? The best he has is a post it note where he jots down tricks that he will play on you based on your weaknesses and

struggles he has observed. Most of the time they are the same old tired tricks he has tried on you before! But there is a secret about Our God that we need to remember!

B. Footstool 2.0: Acts 4:27-28 Pilate and king Herod and the crowds of people... God predestined Jesus to be our Superhero, so regardless of all the enemies Satan could conjure up...Regardless of all the manipulations that Satan did to try and destroy Jesus...Regardless of all the little notes he scribbled down to try to defeat God... God had already set into play what would be satan's ultimate defeat! Hebrews 10:12-13
- If you are in Christ, and the fact that His enemies have been made His footstool; that means that satan is under our feet! He is defeated! We are not just overcomers...we are more than conquerors!

Our call to action is:

1. Study God's word and avoid allowing all the other medias and distractions in your word take all of your mental energies.
2. Put into Action what God has called you to do. Find out what His purposes are and pursue them!
3. Walk in the confident victory that Jesus has won for you! Your enemy is under your feet!