

FORWARD TO FREEDOM SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Battle on the Home-Front

Matthew 5:21-33

"There's a fox in the henhouse. And we let him in!"

Entry Point # 1 – Uncontrolled anger (Matthew 5:21-26)

You can control anger with

reconciliation &
kindness.

James 1:19-20
Ephesians 4:26
Proverbs 15:1

Entry Point # 2 – Lust (Matthew 5:27-30)

You can kill lust by cutting
it off.

I Corinthians 10:13
Job 31:1

Entry Point # 3 – Allowing

divorce as an option (Matthew 5:31-33)

3 Stages of Love (Hendrix)

1. Romantic Love
2. Power struggle
3. Real Love

Matthew 19:1-12
Ephesians 5:21-33
Song of Songs 2:15

You can strengthen marriage with covenant faithfulness.

You can have hope in the battles you fight on the home-front.

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Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for the fact that Christ has not only given us truth about winning spiritual battles on the home-front, but also hope because He has already won the ultimate spiritual battle on the cross.

MY STORY

1. What is one area of challenge on "the home-front" that you often fail to realize is actually a spiritual struggle?
2. "There's a fox in the henhouse. And we let him in." What are some ways that you think Satan can sneak into our homes and relationships?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read **Matthew 5:21-32**. How can the following themes that Jesus addresses in the passage become part of the spiritual battle in day to day life in the home?
 - Uncontrolled anger – vv 21-26
 - Lust – vv 27-30
 - Allowing divorce to be an option – vv 31-32
4. Which of the "Entry Points" mentioned on Sunday most hits home for you? Why?
5. In your opinion, what are other spiritual battles that are often fought on the home-front, and what advice would you give on how to be victorious in each battle?

6. Tell about a time when a spiritual battle was fought and won in your home?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

7. What impact could the following verses have on either preventing spiritual battles or mitigating them in the home?
 - **Ephesians 5:21, 33**
 - **Ephesians 6:4**
 - **1 Peter 1:15,16**
 - **Ephesians 6:1,2**
 - **Romans 12:10**
 - **Philippians 2:3, 4**
 - **Ephesians 4:29**
 - **Colossians 3:13, 14**
8. How does Christ's victory give us hope for these spiritual battles on the home-front?

TAKING IT HOME

9. Describe one way that you will be guarding your home, marriage, and family in these spiritual battles this week.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group, and ask God to give you wisdom and to help you be victorious in the spiritual battles on the home-front.