

# The Battlefield of the Soul



"Enemy occupied territory---that is what this world is." C.S. Lewis

Often God's truth presents itself to us in the quiet of our prayers, but occasionally, it comes with the sheer force of a speeding train. Sometimes even expensive advertising conveys God's truth that real battles are waged not only in the physical world, but far more importantly, in the unseen spiritual world.

I saw this truth on a recent vacation in San Diego when Cathy and I waited on a bench for a high speed trolley to take us downtown for sightseeing. The first trolley that blazed past on the opposing tracks was painted all dark black with just a few words we could not fully make out. The obvious deep black caught our attention. We gasped when we made out the slick words promoting an upcoming dark fall television series, *The Exorcist*. I felt my breath taken away, until I saw our trolley car approach the platform. The haunting by-line that riveted my attention was the ironic, sheer truth of the unseen spiritual war, and this war going on in every human life:

*Every soul is a battlefield.*

Every day the real battle goes on inside each person's soul. It is often unseen, but the battle nonetheless rages on. The advertisers, unknowingly, got this right on the money. In his "enemy occupied territory" C.S. Lewis keenly observed that we are all living with an unseen, yet real war raging against us. Revelation 12:17 boldly conveys the reality of this ongoing cosmic war between God and the devil, "And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." At Genesis this battle is fought wholeheartedly by all of us in the daily ministries that you help make possible.

At Genesis we believe every human soul is precious, and that each soul is locked in a deep spiritual battle with eternal outcomes at stake. The people we serve need special care to heal, strengthen and become equipped to not be destroyed. They need extra support in healing their troubled marriages, supporting their fractured families, and helping weary leaders in the church stand strong in the Lord against such dark forces. This care enables these souls to go the distance.

Thanks for standing with us over the last 22 years! The battlefield is real, our times grow more desperate, and each soul's destiny is at stake. Will you continue to pray and financially support this vital work? We need each one of you. Remember: Each soul is a battlefield compelling us to be involved in the real war.

Warmly in Christ,

*Dave*

Executive Director

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