



**SERIES: August / September Series “HE IS ENOUGH”**

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**Scripture: Colossians 2:15**

**TITLE: The War Is Over**

This summer, my family and I took in an entertaining water and fireworks show at the end of a day at Universal Studios. In the show, they played various scenes from properties they owned. One scene was from how to train a dragon where Toothless and Hiccup appear victorious after a long, hard battle. My son jumped in the air, arm pumped, and yelled, “Yeah!”

His reaction to the victory was priceless. As I watched his excitement, I began to reflect on the spiritual battle that rages on and secured victory in the war we have. But we don’t celebrate like my son. But we should. Listen to Paul’s words as he motivates us to celebrate the victory we all share in Colossians 2:15 (NLT).

“In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.”

We’ve talked about this at various times on this program. We are in a spiritual battle. We see the physical effects of a spiritual cause. People are hurt emotionally, physically, relationally, and in other ways, because people are in a spiritual battle.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 says, “We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.”

Every person is in a battle. A battle of the spirit that wreaks havoc in the flesh. But we must first remember that the ultimate war is won. Jesus Christ defeated the grave. He defeated sin. He paid our sin debt. Our chains are broken. We are no longer slaves to sin. We are free in Christ.

This is that “yeah” moment. This is why we can celebrate. Our ultimate battle is over. The daily battle does rage on, but there is a victory for us because Christ won the war. He gives us the desire and the power to win each battle. Through Christ, we can win each day. The question is, will we?

So here’s my challenge for you today: Celebrate. Pump your fist. Sing a song. Shout to God how thankful you are for his unmerited and unrivaled give of salvation. He has on the war. Have a victory party. And then allow that celebration to move you to win each moment in His power. Then celebrate some more.

We all are in a battle, but the war is won. So celebrate our amazing victory. Why? Because He was won the day!