

VIDEO SESSION

(Based on *Christianity in the Crosshairs*, chapter 8)


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“Casualties”: One injured, killed, captured, or missing in action through engagement with an enemy. Often used in the plural: Battlefield casualties were high. One that is harmed or eliminated as a result of an action or a circumstance.¹

Don't Fight in the Wrong War

“Enemy-occupied territory—that is what this world is.”²

—C. S. Lewis



Man on the Street

“Sometimes your heart’s desire is not what God wants for you. As Jesus said, ‘Thy will be done.’ It must be God’s will in the first place.”

—Metro street interview

1. What things in life do you consider worth fighting for?

2. At what point do you decide to stop a fight?

3. Have you ever fought for something and then later regretted the consequences? Explain.

A Metro pastor, speaking of hard times, made this comment: *“God uses these things. If we would ever learn that concept, we would have a lot more peace.”*

Wouldn't it be great if we could stop fretting, worrying, and fearing? Talk about heaven on earth! Yet actually, Jesus has promised us that kind of peace! Check out Matthew 6:34 from *The Message Bible*:

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

4. In real life, that statement seems like fantasy to many. But it really isn't. How do you personally respond to the promise in that verse?

5. Matthew 6:34, an oft-quoted classic verse, is not just a promise. Maybe you never saw it before, but it is also a *command*. Locate the command in that verse, and write any new perspective it gives you on HOW you are to live your life today as a believer.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS: STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN!

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

—Proverbs 15:22, NIV