



STUDY NOTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Sermon Series: “*First Peter: Stand Firm*”

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.
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Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-12

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1. The internal battle (V. 11)

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- What you need to know:
 - Know where the battle is waged.

How to gain freedom from “victimhood”

1. Don't ascribe too much power to Satan.
2. Understand that our environment can affect us, but it can't dictate our behavior.
3. Accept the pain of bad choices.
4. Let go of the defense mechanism of blaming others.
5. Don't wear a mask of spiritual health.
6. Believe the promise of Christ's victory.

2. The external battle (V. 12)

1 Peter 2:12 (ESV) — 12 *Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

- **What you need to know:**
 - Know the **opposition's tactics**.
 - Know the way to **win the battle**.

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: 1 Peter 2:11-12
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. Why is it important to understand where the spiritual battle is waged?
 - Why do many people blame their environment for their problems?
 - How do the passions of the flesh wage war against ourselves?
 - What is the result of losing this war?
- 2. Why do nonbelievers often accuse believers of being evil?
 - How do Christians sometimes become hypocrites?
 - What is the difference between a hypocrite and someone who is struggling with sin?
 - How does it help to realize that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but rather spiritual forces?

What goals can you set to be a better witness in the coming week?

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