



Summer Playlist

Part 9 – The Devil Wears Many Hats

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We've been doing a summer playlist and we've been doing a lot of standalone messages, which is exciting because I've been sitting on this one for a while. When I give you the title, some of you will be like, "Oh my goodness are you serious?" Yeah, I'm serious, but let me explain. The title of today's message is *The Devil Wears Many Hats*. I think there are some culturally misunderstandings of who Satan is and who Satan isn't. So, we're going to talk about Satan today. There are three things that I always try to do any time I get up here. One, encourage all of you. Two, challenge all of you. Three, help you maybe learn something you didn't already know about scripture.

Before we do that, I want to intro with this video from Pastor Tommy Nelson out of Denton Bible church. [video plays] – *If I was the devil, if I was the devil, I tell you what I'd do. I would try to deceive you and get you into error. I would get you off base. And if you still stayed true, I would try to disqualify you. I would get you immoral. I would get you where no one would believe what came out of your mouth. I would make you a tabloid where nobody believed you. I would remove your confidence where you were afraid to speak because your life was such a shambles.*

I would get you in sin. I would prowl like a roaring lion to devour you morally. And if I couldn't do that, I would try to make you successful, and I would distract you if I couldn't disqualify you. I would get you busy. I would get you so distracted and disaffected from the gospel that no longer would your prayers be about holiness and souls. They would only be about the bottom line in your business. I would get you get you materialistic and no longer concerned about the spiritual nature of life. If I couldn't do that, I would divide you. If I couldn't divide you, I've almost lost you. Do you know what I would do then? I would discourage you. And then if I couldn't discourage you, I would try to my best to kill you. That's what I would do to take you out.

Adam Donyes: This is going to be an optimistic message today. But it's important. I want to talk to you guys about this. When I became a believer in October of 2000, one of the very first books someone put in my lap was *The Screwtape Letters*. Has anybody ever read *The Screwtape Letters*? If you haven't, let me tell you who it's by and what it's about. C.S. Lewis, a great theologian and author. He wrote *Chronicles of Narnia*, *The Lion, witch and the wardrobe*. That's C.S. Lewis. He also wrote other books besides fantasy.

One of them was *The Screwtape Letters*. *The Screwtape Letters* is a book about Uncle Screwtape. Uncle Screwtape is a master demon, writing letters to his apprentice, his nephew, Wormwood.

In these letters, he's telling him or teaching him or coaching him on how to attack believers, those who have a relationship with Jesus, to get them off base. That's what this book is all about. I actually got to talk to somebody one time who was a part of the C.S. Lewis estate. I asked, "Have you guys ever thought about redoing Screwtape Letters so it would be more culturally current?" They were like, "Are you kidding me? It's a classic; it doesn't need to be redone." I agree, but I think there are just things today that he would have written about had it existed back then, like technology, social media, and internet, and all of those things. It just looks radically different than when he was writing this during World War II.

It's an amazing classic, so what I'm going to do, since they won't redo a book, we're going to look at a little bit about what it would look like if Screwtape was writing the letter on your behalf today. That's what I want to look at.

Before we do that, let's look at the hero, let's look at the one that we know is for us, and that is God. These are three qualities of God that are really important to know:

Omnipotent – God is all powerful
Omniscient – God is all knowing.
Omnipresent – God is everywhere

Let me tell you why I'm pointing this out. God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He is the only one in all of the galaxies to possess those quality. Not even Satan, the devil himself, possesses those quality. So, Satan is not omnipresent. He cannot be everywhere at once, so what that means is you can't wake up in Branson, Missouri this morning and say, "Man, the Devil was just on me," and somebody in California say the exact same thing. It's not possible; he's not omnipresent.

Now, when Lucifer was kicked out of heaven, so were a third of the angels... And we don't know what the third number is, we just know it was a third from scripture. But so a third of all the angels that became demons were sent here to torment and help the devil. But even then, there was a limited number of devil, and there were a limited number of demons, one third of all the angels cast out of heaven. So, he is not omnipresent.

Let me tell you why I'm pointing this out. What does this stand for right here? (WWW) It stands for World Wide Web. So, just think about this for a minute. If they're in war – good and evil, God verses Satan, and there are these spiritual forces of evil taking place, which we are going to read about here in a second, and you're not omnipresent, which is a huge war tactic for your enemy to have that you don't have, then you're at a huge disadvantage. So, why, rather than trying to torment one person, wouldn't you infiltrate the WWW where you could impact and reach billions of people?

I'm not saying the internet is Satan himself, but I am saying he uses warfare to get to us and I'm going to statistically prove it here in just a second on how he has done this.

Let's see who scripture says Satan is so we have a clear understanding of who he is and who he is not.

Job 1: 7 says, ***The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."*** This is validation of what I just told you. He is not omnipresent. He's going back and forth, roaming. God doesn't ever need to roam; God is the I Am. He's everywhere. He could be in Branson, he can be in California, he can be in Australia, he can be in Japan. That is who God is. That is not Satan. He does not possess the quality of omnipresence.

What does other scripture say about Satan? He was a murder. ***"He was a murder from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is not truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*** – John 8:44 He is the opposite of truth. He's a murder and he's a liar and he is not omnipresent.

The thief comes only... You look in the NAS, ESV, NIV, the NIO; it doesn't matter that word *only* is in every single translation. The only reason the devil comes is ***...to steal***. To steal what? Your joy, your happiness, your self-esteem. ***and kill...*** Kill what? Kill you. Like that video said, he will try to destroy you. ***and destroy...*** Destroy what? Destroy your family, your parenting, your home. That's why he comes. It's the only reason he comes. He doesn't come to do anything good. He might deceive you like he deceived Adam and Eve and make you think he's coming for good, but the only reason he comes is to destroy you. ***I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*** – John 10:10 Your version may say have it abundantly. That's why Jesus came so that you may have a full life. If you're not experiencing a full life, and you are experiencing one that is being stolen, killed, and destroyed, who has victory in your life?

What else does scripture say about Satan? ***Be alert and of sober mind.*** I love this passage. This is what I use for all my youngsters that want to justify smoking marijuana. "Dude! Marijuana is so natural, and why would God put it here if it wasn't okay? It's a natural herb, bro." I just tell them that the scripture makes it clear. The THC levels in marijuana are so high you can't smoke it and be sober minded. I don't care what state legalizes it; it's still not going to help you be sober. You can justify it all you want because the rest of culture is justifying it, which the enemy wants you to do, but it's very clear in scripture when it says be alert and of sober mind." I have never in my life seen a pothead get high and be like, "Yeah, I'm so sober right now." You're not sober when you get THC in your system. ***Your enemy the devil prowls around like...*** He's not a lion. It says he prowls around *like*. Do you know who the lion is? Revelation 5: 5 says Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah. He went as a lamb and he's coming back as a lion. I've read the whole book; we win. He's coming back as a lion. It says he prowls around like ***...a roaring lion... looking for someone to devour.*** 1 Peter 5: 8

So, he prowls, he acts like a lion. Let me tell you why this is important. You don't ever want to hear the roar of a lion in your own life because when a lion is stalking his prey, he doesn't roar. As a matter of fact, he would scare his prey away if he did that. And when a lion captures his prey, he doesn't roar or else he would attract all the hyenas and other competition for what he has just gotten. A lion, while eating his prey, doesn't roar. A lion roars once it has stalked, captured, ate, and enjoyed it's meal, and then it roars. Let's be so wise as to not wait to hear the roar of the lion in our life. He isn't even a true lion, but he prowls, so he acts like a lion.

What else does scripture say about Satan? ***“Put on the full armor of God so that you may take your stand against the devil’s schemes.*** He’s a schemer. He’s been scheming since the Garden of Eden. ***For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”*** – Ephesians 4: 11-12

So, there’s this war going on in our behalf. Angels are waring on our behalf, as I speak ,in these spiritual realms that you and I cannot see. There is a battle, there is a war going on.

What else does scripture say about Satan? ***“And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”*** – 2 Corinthians 11: 14. So, we grow up watching cartoons and when we think of Satan, we think of red masks, horns, pitchfork. That’s not Satan. He looks really attractive. He looks really appealing. He makes you think it’s something good. He pulls you into temptation. That’s what Satan does; that’s his job. He disguises himself as an angel of light. So, you might think something is good or not bad and that’s exactly what he wants you to think if he can get you to walk into that. But once again, he is not omnipresent.

So, there is this battle that is not only going on between the spiritual forces of evil, but there is a battle going on in our own lives. Let’s look at Galatians 5. ***“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*** Now we see a different battle. And this isn’t Satan. There’s the Spirit and there’s the flesh. ***For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other...*** So, the Spirit of the flesh are opposed to one another, right? They are at odds with one another. ***“...to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these I warn you as I warned you before that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law.”***

Fruit of the Spirit...that is singular. You might have learned this in vacation Bible school, or you maybe never heard this before at all, but the fruit of the spirit, is singular. There is no plural. There is no fruits and there is no Spirits; it’s singular. Let me tell you why I’m pointing this out. When you became a believer of Jesus Christ, when you trusted him as your Lord and Savior and the only one that can take away your sins, and believed he died on the cross for you, was buried, resurrected, defeated death so we don’t have to taste it, and is coming back; when you believed and trusted that, that is the gospel, that is the good news that Jesus died for you so you don’t have to go to hell. When you trusted and believed that, the Holy Spirit, at that moment, came to live inside of you.

John 14: 16 and John 14: 26 – Jesus promises a spirit that will come and guide us. And a part of that spirit is here now, the fruit of the spirit I’m about to talk about. Now, if you’ve never made that decision, I’m telling you after the service, there will be a prayer team up front that would love to talk to and meet with you. It’s the best decision you’ll ever make. And you’ll see the enemy doesn’t ever want you to make that decision. But when you become a believer, the fruit of the Spirit comes in side of you.

So, it's not just one of these. You don't get one of these things I'm about to say, you get all of them. As a believer of Jesus Christ, hear me, those of you that trust Jesus. This lives inside of you. It embodies you as a believer today. You have love, you have joy, you have peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. So, you have the spirit inside of you. All those things live inside of you right now.

Paul says it best in Romans 7. It sounds like a tongue twister, but he understands this battle. ***He says, I don't understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I who do it, but sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.*** Then he summarizes the chapter with this. ***24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!***

So, we have this war we are already waging, and Satan doesn't have to do anything to us sometimes. We have our flesh. He doesn't need to send his demon to us, he doesn't need to send himself to us. We have our flesh that we're waging war against, right? And yes, he may tempt us at different times with demons and different things, but more often than not, it's not even him; it's our own flesh that we're battling. And what we do when we make the mistake is rather than accepting responsibility for the flesh we are battling, we just like to blame him. There are a lot of things to blame him for, but sometimes you need to accept responsibility for your own flesh and falling into your own sinful desires.

At the end of Galatian 5, he goes on to say, ***And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with it's passions and desires.***

So, let's take the fruit of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and let's just look at the opposite. So, we know the fruit of the spirit is this, then we know the opposite is the work of the devil because the fruit of the Spirit is God, it's part of the triune God living inside of us.

Let's look at the first one – **love**. What's the opposite of love? **Hate**. Do you know you are given permission from God to hate one person in this world? Do you know who it is? Satan. That's it. End of list. No other different political party, no different ethnicity, no different culture, no co-employee, no ex-boyfriend, no ex-girlfriend, no ex-wife, no ex-husband. You are given permission to hate one person in this entire world – Satan. Period. No more, as a follower of Jesus.

And he says the greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Not love your neighbor as yourself because they are easy to get along with. No, love your neighbor as yourself. That's it. The reflection of Jesus is love. He is the epitome of love. For God so loved the world... He embodies the word love. So, for you to walk in love, you automatically show other people Jesus. So, once again, back to WWW, an enemy that is not omnipresent is going to try to use this to divide us. I don't know if you've ever seen the documentary called Social Dilemma on Netflix, but they unpack and resource a lot of this stuff we're seeing with social media.

Here's a clip I want to show you on polarization. [video plays]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQAGWFkYhQk>

Remember that video I showed you at the very beginning – “I would divide you.” Abraham Lincoln said if this country ever falls, it’s not going to be from without, it is going to be from within. I’m just telling you, biblically, you don’t have permission from God to hate somebody just because they have a different political view than you. You don’t have permission from God to hate someone just because they have a different religious view than you. And you definitely don’t have permission from God to hate somebody just because they disagree with you online. So, if love is God and the opposite of that is hate... You see where I’m going.

What’s the next one? **Joy**. What’s the opposite of joy? **Depression**. I’m not speaking of clinical depression. I wholeheartedly believe there is clinical depression that needs counseling and medication. That’s not what I’m referring to. I’m referring to an astronomical growth in teenage depression and the depression spikes we have seen since the spike of social media.

As a matter of fact, Kylie Cross with World Magazine reached out to me when all this social media started taking off in 2012. I told her we were going to see a rise in anxiety and depression. She says, “How do you know that?”

I said, “When young people start looking for their worth and value outside of the Word of God, it’s going to make them extremely anxious and depressed. “

She called me back six years later and says, “You nailed it.”

I said, “No, God’s Word nailed it.”

God’s Word nailed it, right? You're going to be depressed. Do you want to know why? Do you know the difference between *word* and *world* is one letter? The letter L. He’s the father of lies. You can spend time reading and receiving the truth every morning because the world will only lie to you the rest of the day. Social media is the device that we run to that tells us lies. It’s polarizing us intentionally. Whether you are a parent or a grandparent, you get on and you read only the news you listen to. It’s a syndicate that gets you to think that way. And they get on a different news station and it’s the same thing; it’s polarizing us, teaching us to hate people, which is not the work of the Lord.

Look at these statistics. 210 million is the number of people estimated to suffer from internet and social media addiction, globally, 210 million. Remember, the devil is not omnipresent, but that is impacting a lot of people. Way more than going after one person. Let’s go after the world wide web.

Thirty minutes is the time you can cut from social media use each day to significantly reduce symptoms of loneliness and depression.

Fifty-two percent of students said social media made them feel less confident about how they look or how interesting their life is.

Some parents are saying, "I wish my teenage daughter, or my teenage son was listening to this right now." No, why will children behave in what they don't see their parents model.

If you want to say the older generation is doing Facebook and the younger generation is doing Tik-Tok, I don't care what internet device it is, it is divisive and it is generating depression and anxiety and everything else.

What's the next fruit of the Spirit? **Peace**. The opposite of peace is to have **anxiety**. We're seeing this as going through the roof. I spend almost 340 days a year with 13 – 20-year-olds. And I'm watching it right before my eyes. Every year, the depression and anxiety just keeps going up and up. So, if that first video I showed you from the documentary is helping you understand the polarization of adults and getting the adults to speak toxically to each other online and use this venom language and divide them, this next video from the same documentary would speak more to the teenager.

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Adam Donyes: There is trying to find your worth in the Word and there is trying to find your worth in the world. It's that L – father of Lies. I'm see it. I'm dealing with it. Student that have come through my program, I've seen suicides first hand, like having to be part of funerals. It's devastating. So, once again, the enemy the devil is not omnipresent, so what is he going to do? He's very tactful, very crafty. He's going to try to get the sense of omnipresent as close as he can because he doesn't have that war tactic that God has of omnipresent.

Patience – the opposite of patience is **impatient**. I get to go golfing with my buddy, Sam Watson, who is a scratch golfer. I'm not a scratch golfer. I don't expect to ever be like Tiger Woods. Some of you that go out there once or twice a year and expect to hit a ball 350 yards down the middle of the fairway. And when you don't, you throw your club. It is ridiculous. Do you have any idea how many balls Tiger Woods has hit in his lifetime? He is a professional. For you to think that you are Tiger is just crazy. But Sam is a scratch golfer. Even when Sam doesn't hit great balls, he's so patient with himself and patient with people who aren't as good as him, and it reflects Christ. Everything you do, you reflect Christ. So, when you think of patience, the first thing I think about is somehow, some way... it's like Superman's telephone booth, but the opposite. It's like when you go from a Christian to getting into your car, all of the sudden, you're not a Christian anymore. I'm like wait, what just happened to your patience? It's unbelievable. Just remember, when you leave here today, it's just a zipper. It works like a zipper. Everybody gets a turn. Don't try to double the zipper. You have to go one at a time.

I don't know if you ever heard that story of that lady that got arrested by the police officer. She was in the middle of a stop light and she was hanging out her window and she's yelling and screaming and she's throwing the bird. On the back of her car, she had a cross and a sticker that said Jesus saves you and Jesus loves you, and all these things.

The police officer pulled her over and she asked what she had done. The police officer goes, "I think you stole this car."

Let me remind you guys of something else as Christians. Everywhere we go, we reflect Christ in a bad way or in a good way. I want you to hear this. Every single person that works behind an airline counter has nothing to do with the weather, that's God, and they have nothing to do with the mechanical problems of the plane. So, you being impatient with them is being impatient with somebody that has nothing to do with your problem.

I love when stuff is not going well for them because I get to step in and say, "Hey, can I go get me a Starbucks gift card." Yeah, I'm also trying to get hooked up; I'll be honest, but when I step into that with patience rather than impatience, I'm telling you 9 out of 10 times, their response is way different. Why do we want to take our impatience out on somebody that doesn't control the situation. I don't understand. Patience is a reflection of Christ.

What about **kindness**. What's the opposite of kindness? It's **rude**. Christians should not be rude people. We should be the opposite of rude; we should be kind. So, if we're walking in rudeness, it doesn't show people Jesus. That's the enemy getting us to operate in our flesh. Gandhi said, "If Christians would really live according to the teachings of Christ, as found in the Bible, all of India would be Christian today." He won the Nobel Peace Prize by the way, and he's not a Christian; he's Hindu. But he also had a quote that was powerful. He said, "I love Jesus. It's not a problem with Jesus that I have. It's his followers. His followers are so unlike him."

It was kind of cliché, but the old WWJD bracelets were so powerful because if we walked more in the Spirit, we would actually show people more of who Jesus is – patience, love, joy, kindness, faithfulness...

What's the opposite of **faithfulness**? It's being **dishonest**. Satan is the father of lies. So, in Matthew 25 it gives us the parable of the talons where he divides out these talons to different people and at the end of it, he walks up to the two that were faithful with his talons and says, "Well done good and faithful servants."

For some of you in here, he's given you financial resources, he's given you gifted resources where you're good at something. He's given you all different resources and now you get to be faithful with them. When we're not faithful with them, we don't reflect Christ. Or if we are dishonest on our taxes... The rest of the world is watching you. And listen to me. When would we ever expect non-believers not to act like no-believers? The question is why would we as believers act like non-believer, validating non-believers not to trust in Christ if they no change in our life. Again, we're going to battle this, but the Holy Spirit inside of you and Christ doing sanctifying work in you is going to help the fruit come out of you. Like any fruit tree, the more you nurture it and the more you water it, the healthier the fruit in your life will be. So, how do you nurture and water? You spend time in the word. You spend time in prayer. You spend time with likeminded people. You spend time with people that will tell you the truth even when it's hard to hear. "Hey, I wouldn't paste that on Facebook." "Hey, I would delete that on Facebook. That doesn't come across like Christ." "I love you. I just want you to know we're trying to reflect Christ."

To a world that doesn't know him, they're never going to be like, "Oh, you just ripped me on my political views and told me how stupid I was, now please tell me about your Jesus." Said no one ever. "Oh, you just yelled at me because I messed up your order in the restaurant, now would you please tell me about this Jesus you claim to hear about at church." "You just yelled at me at the airport because your mechanical problem became my problem. I notice that you're wearing a cross on your chain, can you tell me about your Jesus?" Said no one ever. It's so hypocritical. They claim to know this Jesus, but they don't look anything like Him because they don't walk in the Spirit that already lives inside of them and embodies them.

The quote that I'll give you is this. *"Serve God with integrity and if you achieve no success, at least no sin will lie upon your conscience"* – Charles H. Spurgeon.

The next one is **gentleness**. What's the opposite of gentleness? It's **harsh**. I can't believe the harsh rhetoric that I see online. I don't regret getting off Facebook and Twitter years ago for one second. For not one second have I regretted getting off of them. Mackenzie said something really wise during the debrief after the first service. She said, "Not only when you are off social media is that freeing your time up, but also when you're off it, it's freeing up the mind and the time you spend not thinking about it. So, it's actually freeing up more time than you realize." I thought that was so good. So, when we answer people with a harsh tone, or the way we can speak to our spouse the way we speak to no one else, and we can be so harsh with them. It's unbelievable.

Look what scripture says. ***A soft word turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.***

– Proverbs 15: 1 Of course online people are angry. It's harsh words left and right. I don't know why a screen makes you so empowered to be harsh to people. You would never speak to people like that face to face.

The last one is **self-control**. The opposite of self-control is **impulsive**. We live in a world, more than any other time in the history, of humanity where you get to be extremely impulsive. You want something? Pull up your phone and get it on Amazon right now. You want to access sexual immorality? Pull up your phone and you can get it instantly. You want something materialistic? Pull up your phone and you can get it within a day. It will be delivered to your door. It's called Amazon. You want to communicate, Facetime... Everything in our world has allowed us to be impulsive, and technology has actually hindered us from being able to exercise self-control. Or it has actually tempted us more into lacking self-control.

The scripture also says a man without self-control is like a city's walls that have fallen down. It is healthy to tell yourself no. When you say no to the flesh, you're saying yes to the Spirit that lives inside of you. The other thing about self-control is that it reflects Christ. Look at this quote. "To exercise self-control and walk in humility is to reflect Christ for he is the epitome of both." The ultimate self-control. He doesn't eat for 40 days. Try that with your Golden Corral and your I-Hop and every other restaurant you have on every single corner. He doesn't eat for 40 days, and as soon as he hadn't eaten for 40 days, here comes the devil. Now the devil really did visit him. Here come the devil and says, "Hey, here's some food." Talk about self-control. He says, "Man doesn't live on bread alone. Man lives on every word that comes from God." He's the epitome of self-control. And he lives inside of you in the form of

the Holy Spirit. So, every single one of those things, singular – fruit of the spirit – lives inside of you as a believer of Jesus Christ. So, love is inside of you. Joy is inside of you. Peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, all of those, follower of Jesus, they are inside of you already. They don't just have to be randomly found; they are in you. When you trust Jesus, those things are inside of you. And we get to walk in them and when we walk in them, we reflect Jesus, and when we reflect Jesus, it's attractive to other people. But the opposite of all those things are not Jesus. Sometimes it's the flesh and sometimes there are demons trying to push us into walking in the flesh. Rarely are they Satan because I think he's infiltrating the internet as much as he can because it's going to have a much bigger impact.

Hear me. I'm not telling you to get rid of your phones, and I'm not telling you to get off the internet. That's not what I'm saying. I believe they can be redemptive, and I believe they can be used in a healthy way. What I'm asking you to do this week is to fight the tension, to wrestle with the tension. Ask yourself, when I get off my device or I get off the news or I get off whatever it is... when I remove myself from the situation, are my heart's affection stirred for Jesus or am I more angry, more harsh, more judgmental, more impatient? What is it doing to your heart? Only you know that. I don't need to be the judge of that, but you need to have that tension and you need to live in that tension because the fruit of the spirit already lives inside every single one of you. And when non-believers see that fruit come out of you, it draws them to our Savior. It draws them to him without you having to say a word.

Father God, thank you so much that you sent your Spirit to live inside of us that we can just walk in that fruit – love, joy, peace, ,patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. I pray this church body would do that. I pray that as they do that, non-believers will look and realize that they have something they don't and want to be drawn to it.

I pray if there is anybody in this room that has never surrendered and trusted Jesus that they wouldn't let another day go with the enemy getting that victory in their life.

Be with this church body. Use them to impact this county and beyond in mighty ways. We sure do love you. Thank you for all you do for us.

It is in the mighty and matchless name of Jesus that we pray. And all God's people said... Amen