

CCWC Spiritual Warfare Continuing Session Outline

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Session 1: The Stakes

1. Introduction **Charlie Nathan**
 - a. Introduce selves and why we are passionate about this topic
 - b. Purpose of Continuing Session
 - c. This is not just to help you write better. This is how you can live better. The best authors of a topic are the ones who have lived it.
2. The Status of the Battle Field/Church **Charlie**
 - a. Worldview statistics
 - b. Reasons people are leaving the church
3. What battles are we facing on a daily/regular basis? **Nathan**
 - a. How have we fought them?
4. Know Your Enemy and Know Yourself
 - a. Who is our enemy? **Nathan**
 - i. Satan
 - ii. Flesh
 - iii. Worldly System
 - b. Enemy's goals, motives, purpose in battle **Nathan**
 - i. Steal, kill, destroy
 - ii. Seeking any whom he can devour
 - iii. Make any Christian not a threat
 - c. Know yourself **Charlie**
 - i. Your identity in Christ
 - ii. Your authority in Christ
5. The Five Principles
 - a. Weather, Terrain, Military Doctrine, Leadership, Moral of the People **Charlie**
 - b. The Questions **Nathan**
 - i. Which ruler has the Will of the People?
 - ii. Which general has the greater ability?
 - iii. Who has gained the advantages of "Heaven" and "Earth"?
 - iv. Whose laws and orders are more thoroughly implemented?
 - v. Whose forces are stronger?
 - vi. Whose officers and troops are better trained?
 - vii. Whose rewards and punishments are clearer?
6. Impossible Odds
 - a. We are not called to save the system. We are called to save souls FROM the system.
 - b. Rak Chazak
7. If time, talk about Sun-Tzu

Session 3: Enemy Tactics

Nathan

Regarding Spiritual Terrain:

Seek to occupy the sunny side of the heights.

Seek to understand the signs around you so that the unseen can be seen.

Seek to work with the Terrain in your life, not against it.

Seek to improve your awareness of entrapping corners and vulnerable flanks.

Seek to recognize Mountains, Rivers, Marshes, and Open Plains in your life.

“Mountains” – Times of extreme highs and lows. Search out tenable ground and occupy the heights. If the enemy holds this ground, do not engage.

“Rivers” – Times of transition or commitment, especially when the change is difficult. Don’t linger near the river. The army is most vulnerable when half of it has crossed.

“Marshes” – Times of difficulty and extreme limitation of options. Avoid if possible, but seek to have defensible terrain to your rear if not.

“Open Plains” – Times of plenty and freedom; possibly even too much freedom. Secure fall back positions as you advance.

Seek to understand life situations as Accessible, Suspended, Stalemated, Constricted, Precipitous, or Expansive Terrain.

“Accessible Terrain” – You and your adversary both enjoy the same freedom of movement.

“Suspended Terrain” – Like sticking your foot in your mouth, getting in is easy, but getting out will be hard. Give temptation an inch and it will take you for a mile long ride.

“Stalemated Terrain” – The side that moves first loses the advantage. Avoid No Man’s Land and withdraw to more favorable surroundings.

“Constricted Terrain” – Maneuverability is limited, either because of responsibility or environment.

“Precipitous Terrain” – Victory can only come after a costly, uphill battle. It might be best to find another way around.

“Expansive Terrain” – The enemy could be chased and chased without running out of room to run. This terrain offers no tactical advantage.

Seek to understand the advantages and disadvantages of the terrain’s context, be it Dispersive, Light, Contentious, Traversable, Focal, Heavy, Entrapping, Encircling, or Fatal.

“Dispersive Terrain” – Your adversary has home field advantage.

“Light Terrain” – You have crossed into enemy territory, but not gone too deep...yet.

“Contentious Terrain” – Advantage is given on a first come first serve basis.

“Traversable Terrain” – Movement is easy, perhaps too easy. Don’t let yourself get isolated.

“Focal Terrain” – The cross roads in life where many paths cross so that allies can be found.

“Heavy Terrain” – You have gone deep into enemy territory. Plunder what you need because no other supplies will be made available.

“Entrapping Terrain” – Movement is difficult because options are restrictive. Every nook and cranny could be hosting an ambush.

“Encircling Terrain” – Going forward will be as costly as going back. Use strategy for defense and plug openings that might be used against you.

“Fatal Terrain” – Go for broke, because either you fight like an animal with all you have, or die like one. This is often where martyrs are made because chances of survival are slim.

Charlie

1. Spies: The False Teacher
 - a. Overview: Who are spies? How do they get in?
 - b. Local Spies: The common person passing on information to enemy agents
 - c. The Living Spy: The agents that report to the appropriate authorities
 - . If exposed, Living Spies make for great Double Agents
 - d. The Double Agent
 - . Christians have no need to hire double agents.
 - i. We however can make very good double agents for the enemy.
 - ii. Look at Jesus’ temptation for the world.
 - iii. The wolf in sheep’s clothing.
 - e. Internal Spies: These are in positions of authority. Either planted...or bought.
 - f. The Expendable Spy
 - . The spy sent to spread false teachings, not expected to return.
 - i. Rarely given the actual truth. They actually believe they are telling the truth.
 - ii. Planted in areas of public influence
 - g. The False Teacher: We know what they are, but how are they working today?
 - iv. "Hath God Really said?"
 - v. Dialectic vs Didactic Thinking
 1. Dialectic: The process of compromise, ignoring facts and truth, based on emotions and feeling, and enforced with peer-pressure.
 - a. Goal is to remove all authority except the ‘experts’. Namely the ‘father’, the church, and God.
 - b. Key phrases: “tolerance”, “open-minded”, “relativism”, “co-existence”
 - c. Fruits: post-modernism, Evolution, political correctness, misapplication of Scripture, Prosperity Gospel, Emergent Church
 2. Didactic: Standards do not change, but hold firm.
 - . “Thus says the Lord”, “It is written”
 - a. Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders

Additional Resources to Continue Study:

Sermons Dealing with Battle Strategies:

Eric Ludy: A Man With White Knuckles
Eric Ludy: Hold the Position
Eric Ludy: The Ancient War Cry
Eric Ludy: The Nine Lies

Sermons/Presentations Dealing with Status of the Church:

Eric Ludy: Betrayed With a Kiss
Paris ReidHead: Ten Shekels and a Shirt
Dean Gotcher: Diaprax

Books:

The Art of War by Sun-Tzu
DVD by History Channel on Amazon or YouTube
The Bravehearted Gospel by Eric Ludy

Gaming Resources: