

JULY 9

“ARE YOU LIVING FROM AN INFLAMED FLESH OR A STIRRED SPIRIT?”

READ

1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:12

I asked this question one Sunday morning, and I could tell it really landed by the response. I was talking about our uneasy, uncertain, tempestuous times and the different emotions that people feel. That question still needs to be asked, because things have not settled down, and probably won't. So, are you living from an inflamed flesh or a stirred spirit? There's a great difference between the two. Who is your enemy? As believers, we should all know exactly who our enemy is. Our enemy is not flesh and blood. It's not an individual or a group of people. It's not even a government. It's a system: a spiritual system that underlies everything. It's Satan, who goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. If you're fighting a person, then you're operating from inflamed flesh. But if you understand that your enemy is the devil over whom Christ has given you authority, you are living with a stirred spirit. When things don't go your way, instead of lashing out, you will pray. You will lift people up. You will seek God for your nation and your neighbor. It's a stirred spirit that we need.

PRAY

Lord, let your Holy Spirit, stir me to compassionately intercede for those people held captive by Satan. When I get angry or upset, remind me that my enemies are not people, but principalities and powers.

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