



## How (Not) to Save the World, Week 7: Fight the Wrong Battles

The Lie: \_\_\_\_\_ battle is worth \_\_\_\_\_.

The Truth: \_\_\_\_\_ the battles \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ you to fight.

*...Why have you come down here? Who is watching your tiny flock in the wilderness? I'm your brother, and I know you—you're arrogant, and your heart is evil. You've come to watch the battle as if it were just entertainment."*

1 Samuel 17:28 (VOICE)

*"Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" He then turned away...*

1 Samuel 17:29–30 (NIV)

*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"*

*Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."*

Mark 1:35-38 (NIV)

### How do you know what battles to fight?

\_\_\_\_\_ to spend \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

*God chose us to be in a relationship with Him even before He laid out plans for this world...*

Ephesians 1:4 (VOICE)

## Discussion Questions

1. When was a time in your life that you were – or almost were – distracted by a lesser battle?

What is the danger if Jesus-followers are distracted by battles we're not called to? What's at risk?

What is a way that you will fight to spend time with God and rest in His presence this week?

## Recommended Resources

- *How (Not) to Save the World*, by Hosanna Wong
- *Winning Your Spiritual Battles*, by Tony Evans
- *How Did I Get Here?: Finding Your Way Back to God When Everything is Pulling You Away*, by Christine Caine
- *Rhythms of Renewal: Trading Stress and Anxiety for a Life of Peace and Purpose*, by Rebekah Lyons
- *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table: It's Time to Win the Battle of Your Mind...*, by Louie Giglio
- *The Thing Beneath the Thing: What's Hidden Inside (and What God Helps Us Do About It)*, by Steve Carter
- "If I were your enemy." *Nothing to Prove Podcast, Season 8, Episode 1*, with Jennie Allen