



**December 14, 2025**

## **UNITED - Ephesians 6:12 - Legit Enemy**

**SUMMARY:** This sermon, rooted in Ephesians 6:12, explores the true nature of conflict in our lives. While it often seems that our struggles are with other people—family, friends, coworkers, or even strangers—the Apostle Paul reminds us that our real battle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of darkness. The message traces this theme from Genesis, showing how evil works through deception and human participation, leading to sin and brokenness. The sermon challenges us to recognize the deeper spiritual reality behind human conflict and calls us to respond not with curses or retaliation, but with blessing, following the example of Jesus. By choosing to bless rather than curse, we break the cycle of evil and become agents of God's light in a dark world.

**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 6:12, 6:20; Genesis 3-6; Revelation 12:7-9; Romans 7:15-17; Acts 5:1-4; James 3:10; 1 Peter 3:9; Luke 6:27-28; Numbers 6:24-27

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. **Think of a recent conflict you've had (at home, work, church, or elsewhere). How did you view the other person involved? Did you see them as the real enemy, or did you consider there might be deeper spiritual forces at work?**
2. **The sermon talked about “sin crouching at the door” and the importance of catching it early. Can you identify a time when a small feeling (like envy or resentment) started to grow in your heart? What could you have done differently to resist it before it became a bigger problem?**
3. **The message challenges us to bless those who hurt us, not just with words but in our thoughts and actions. Is there someone in your life right now who has wronged you? What would it look like to intentionally bless them this week?**
4. **Pastor Matt shared how curses (even small ones, like a sneer or ignoring someone) can stick with us for years. Are there ways you might be cursing others without realizing it? What practical steps can you take to break that habit?**
5. **Jesus blessed even those who betrayed and crucified Him. What is one specific way you can follow His example in a difficult relationship or situation this month?**
6. **The sermon said that when we choose to bless instead of curse, we “pierce the darkness” and become part of God’s light in the world. Where do you see opportunities in your daily life to bring God’s light into a dark situation?\**
7. **The idea of “participating with evil” can sound heavy, but the sermon also emphasized our responsibility and power to choose differently. What is one area where you want to be more vigilant and intentional about resisting evil and choosing good?**