



## Part 2: The Matter of Motive

### Introduction - Catching Holy Hand Grenades

John 11:50-53  
 2 Corinthians 10:3-5  
 Luke 13:17

### Four Stories & A Funeral

#1) The Generous Employer...

Matthew 20:1-16

INITIAL EXPLOSION: God is bringing \_\_\_\_\_ people with \_\_\_\_\_ benefits into the Kingdom.

AFTER SHOCK: Jeffrey Dahmer may be in \_\_\_\_\_.

#2) The Punishing King...

Matthew 22:1-14

Could Rome be used as God's army?

See Isaiah 10:1-11; Jeremiah 4:11-18; Habakkuk 1:5-12.

INITIAL EXPLOSION: God will destroy his own \_\_\_\_\_ in judgement. If the " \_\_\_\_\_ " do not come, they are no longer the " \_\_\_\_\_ ".

AFTER SHOCK: We are responsible for how our hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 132:16; Isaiah 61:10; Zachariah 3:3-5; Revelation 3:4-5; 19:7-8

#3) The Compassionate Stranger...

Luke 10:25-37

INITIAL EXPLOSION: \_\_\_\_\_ people are free to be more \_\_\_\_\_.

AFTER SHOCK: To love like God wants, we must put \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

#4) The Merciful Father...

Luke 15:11-32

INITIAL EXPLOSION: Repentant \_\_\_\_\_ have been welcomed into the Kingdom - and the \_\_\_\_\_ leaders are outside looking in!

AFTER SHOCK: You can't join the party without loving your \_\_\_\_\_.

### Conclusion - This Is War

Ephesians 6:10-20

### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

#### WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read another suggestive story of Jesus in Mark 12:1-12. a) In what ways might this story be offensive to first-century Jewish religious leaders? What verse would be potentially the most threatening for Jewish ears to hear? b) What do we learn about Jesus' self-concept from this story? Who does he claim to be? c) Notice that the general population of Jews are not as threatened as the religious leaders are. Why do you suppose that is?

3. We used the violent imagery of war in this message to help us relate to the aggressive approach Jesus took toward his spiritual opponents - the religious leadership. Read what the Apostle Paul says about our ongoing spiritual war in Ephesians 6:10-20. a) Which piece of armour do you most easily neglect? b) What might be the consequences (for you and perhaps for others) of not using that piece of armour as much as you should? c) In light of the fact that Paul was in prison while writing this letter (under house arrest), what stands out in verses 19-20 as something Paul did not ask prayer for? What can we learn from his priorities as revealed in his prayer requests?

#### SO WHAT?...

4. What is one thing you can commit to doing this week to become a better equipped soldier in our ongoing spiritual war? Pray for each other in light of these commitments.