

MESSAGE OUTLINE

August 16, 2020

Series:	We Are the Church	Message:	Stay in the Fight!
Main Scripture:	Matthew 16:13-18 Proverbs 31:10-31	Other Scriptures:	Ephesians 3:10-11 Ephesians 6:10-12 Ephesians 5:25

The word “Church” comes from the Greek word “ekklesia” which comes from two Greek words: Ek which means “out of” and klesia – (from kaleo) which means “to call” or “called” So, “Church” means – “the ones who are called out of” the world.

In Matthew 16, Jesus first uses this term. He said “I will build My Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

How has your life been impacted by the Church?

Read Proverbs 31:10-31, an acrostic poem using the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, describes a virtuous woman who is pleasing to her husband. Read this passage with the spiritual meaning of Christ’s bride, the Church, and Jesus, the husband.

When read this way, this passage becomes an incredible inspiration and encouragement to modern Christians.

Remember, we don’t just GO to Church, we ARE the Church.

And taking our cue from Jesus’ words in Matthew 16, we are in a battle. Our battle is a spiritual battle (Eph 6:12).

God, in Christ, has great plans for His Church (Eph 3:10-11)

How to Stay in the Fight!

1. Dig deep into GOD’s WORD every day.
2. Push harder and more consistently into your PRAYER Life.
3. Keep GIVING financially to support God’s Word through His Church.
4. Keep INVITING your friends to engage with us in person and online!
5. Find a way to SERVE others during this time!
6. Grow in LOVE!

In a word to husbands and wives, Ephesians 5:25 expresses Jesus’ great love for His Church.