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- He became like them not in their sins but by being around them and participating in their lives.
- If people followed you, would they follow Christ?

2) The Battle is fought in Weakness

Romans 1:16, Romans 10:17, Matthew 10:40, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- 2 Corinthians 5:20 we are ambassadors for Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 10:10 Paul was seen as weak and not a good speaker.

3) The Battle is for the Truth

Romans 4:5-9, John 15:18-19

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- A blessing is something that is received from God not something you earn.
- We have joy or happiness because it is a gift from God not by works (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Ephesians 4:15 we are to speak the truth in love.

4) The Battle is with False Teachers

Romans 10:2-4

How to spot False Teachers:

A) They flatter you

- Proverbs 27:6

B) They shut you out from others

C) They want you to make much of them.

- 1 Thessalonians 2:6 they did not seek glory from people.

D) The Battle will grieve your heart.

- If you really care about people, then you will be like Paul who is like a mother who wants only the best for her children. (1 Thessalonians 2:7)
- How much suffering are you willing to do for the soul of another person?
- 2 Corinthians 11:28-30
- Romans 8:28-29
- Ephesians 4:11-16

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2. Why are the weakness we have no excuse for sharing the Gospel?
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4. What are some of the characteristics of False Teachers listed in verse 17?
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