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TITLE: Fight for Your Field

## **SUMMARY**

In this powerful message, we're challenged to 'fight for our field' - to stand firm in the face of adversity and protect what God has given us. The story of Shammah from 2 Samuel 23 serves as a striking example of courage and determination. While others fled, Shammah stood his ground in a field of lentils, defending it against the Philistines. This seemingly insignificant patch of land represents the areas in our lives that we must fiercely protect - our faith, families, and God-given purpose. The sermon draws a parallel between Shammah's stand and our modern struggles, reminding us that what may appear trivial to others could be of immense value in God's plan. We're encouraged to recognize the 'fields' in our lives - be it our marriages, children, or personal faith - and to stand firm when the enemy tries to plunder them. This message urges us to hold our ground and fight our fight, emphasizing that sometimes the most spiritual thing we can do is simply to stand. It's a call to resilience, reminding us that with every challenge comes an opportunity for God to bring about a great victory.

## **Opening Prayer**

**Key Scripture:** 2 Samuel 23:11-12

**Main Idea:** We must fight for and protect the important "fields" in our lives - our faith, family, church, and purpose.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What "fields" in your life do you feel are currently under attack or need protection?
2. Pastor Ethan said, "Sometimes the only reason the devil fights you is because you got something to offer." How does this perspective change how you view struggles in your life?
3. The sermon emphasized that "when we fail to value something, we are vulnerable to losing it." In what areas of your life have you seen this play out?
4. How does the story of Shammah inspire you to stand your ground in difficult situations?
5. Pastor Ethan said, "Peas don't mean much unless they're your peas." What are your "peas" - the things that others might overlook but are deeply significant to you?
6. How can we as a group encourage each other to be "Shammahs" in our spheres of influence?

### Key Takeaways:

1. We all have important "fields" in our lives that require intentional care and protection.
2. The enemy often attacks areas of potential and purpose in our lives.
3. Valuing what's important helps us stand firm against opposition.
4. Sometimes standing your ground is the most spiritual thing you can do.
5. God brings victory when we courageously fight for what matters.

### Practical Applications:

1. Identify one "field" in your life that needs more attention or protection. Make a plan this week to nurture or defend it.
2. Practice gratitude for your "peas" - the things that may seem small but are significant to you and your purpose.
3. Choose an area where you've been tempted to retreat and commit to standing your ground this week.
4. Pray for your pastors and church leaders daily this week, asking God to strengthen and encourage them.
5. Share with the group next week how you applied the "Shammah attitude" to a challenging situation.

### Closing Prayer:

Thank God for the courage of Shammah and ask for strength to stand firm in your own fields. Pray for each group member to experience God's victory in their areas of struggle.

### OPTIONAL – KEY BIBLE VERSES

Explicitly mentioned:

1. 2 Samuel 23:11-12 (The main text for the sermon about Shammah)
2. John 10:10 (Alluded to when mentioning "the devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy")
3. 1 Peter 5:8 (Alluded to with "the enemy is like that lion who is seeking whom he may devour")
4. Isaiah 59:19 (Alluded to with "the enemy comes in sometimes, like a flood")

5. Ephesians 6:13 (Alluded to with "sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do is to stand")
6. Hebrews 10:39 ("we are not like those who shrink back and are destroyed")
7. Joshua 24:15 (Alluded to with "As for me and my house")
8. 1 Timothy 6:12 ("fight the good fight of faith")
9. 1 John 4:4 ("greater is he that's in you")
10. Matthew 26:39 (Jesus praying in Gethsemane)
11. Hebrews 12:2 ("Jesus endured the cross for the joy that was set before him")
12. Romans 8:14 ("as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God")
13. Isaiah 54:17 ("no weapon formed against them shall prosper")
14. Proverbs 28:1 ("the righteous are as bold as a lion")