The young missionary couple had finally made it to the mission field they felt called to serve. It was Papua New Guinea. ‘Their people’ were the indigenous population of a remote village. It had taken two years of cultivation through short-term mission trips, but the couple had earned the trust of these people and been invited to their village. No one here spoke English besides them.

As they lay in the hut that had been built for them on their very first night in the village, something strange happened. In the midst of all the uncertainties and newness of their situation, surrounded by deep darkness, they heard a voice. Speaking in perfect English, the voice said, “I know who you are. You are a servant of the Most High God. You do not belong here.” What?? How??

Obviously, there were other factors at work in their isolated missionary location. There are other factors at work right her in the Big D! The spiritual conflict that rages in the unseen realm spills over into our physical realm. The conflict is all too REAL. It is not isolated.

We might try the ostrich approach, you know, stick our heads in the sand. Would that really help? We would still be fully exposed. Maybe we want to declare that “We are Switzerland,” that we are neutral. We can *say* that, but that **doesn’t** make it so. We are **in it**, We need to be **in-it-to-win-it**.

Paul wants us to be prepared. The Apostle doesn’t just dazzle us the wealth we have as Christians. And he is not satisfied to direct us in our walk as Christians. He also intends to arm and deploy us for the warfare we face. Paul knows that ignorance is **NOT** bliss, and what we don’t know ***can*** hurt us. Yes, we are part of World War NOW! Let’s try not to end up a casualty.

We are going to take a simple look at the **List** of demons, a **History** of demons and the **Mystery** of demons. He we go!

**1. THE LIST OF DEMONS ( Eph 6.10-12)**

 A. Definitive—NO

 B. Descriptive—YES

 C. Demonstrative—Yes

**2.  A HISTORY OF DEMONS (Mark)**

 A. Source of demons?

 We do not know for certain.

 B. Story of demons

 Jesus met demons. Let’s look at Mark’s gospel . . .

 1. 1. 12-3

 2. 1.23-27

 3. 1.32-4

 4. 1.39

 5. 3.7-12

 6. 3.13-15

 7. 3.22-3

 8. 4.35-40

 9. 5.1-20

 10. 6.7-13

 11. 7.24-30

 12. 9.17-29

 13. 9.38-41 Remember Ac 19.15—”*Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are YOU*?”

 14. 16.9; 14-18

**3. THE MYSTERY OF DEMONS (Col 2.15)**

 A. Pull back the curtain

Like when Toto pulls back that curtain in the grand meeting room in the Emarald City and reveals ‘the wizard.’

 B. Put them in their place

 Three verbs (Gotta have some grammar, riiiiight??)

 1. *Disarmed* - Aor middle Part

 Means - To take off from—to strip or to despoil or disarm

 2. *Disgraced* - Aor Act Ind

 Means - To exhibit or to make an example of

 3. *Triumphed over* - Defeated— Aor Act Part

 Means - To triumph over /to have a spectacle of acclamation

Demons, like the devil have ***ALREADY* been defeated**. We need not fear them. We must not be distracted from our mission.

Have ya’ll ever seen the Rudolph cartoon at Christmas? What be- comes of the Abominable? Yes! Yukon Cornelius and Hermey the want-to-be-dentist/elf pull all of ol’ Bumble’s teeth. Yukon said, “He’s a mighty humble bumble.”

That is like what Jesus did to the demons. He made them tooth-less. They have a bad bark, but only bite when we let them.

Now, my Grandpa Johnson had false teeth. He kept them in a Jif Peanut-butter jar. That rascal could eat whatever he wanted. My point is, just because the demons have been defanged, doesn’t mean they aren’t still dangerous. We must be ***aware***. We must be ***prepared***. We must ***dare*** to live for Jesus everywhere, all the time.

 C. Practice to be holy

When I used to train people to be FEOs, I had some stuff for them. I would ALWAYS tell them, “Be where you are supposed to be and do what you are supposed to do and you can be an FEO as long as you want. IF something comes up, let your super visor know.”

 1. The Lord has a place for us.

 2. The Lord has a purpose for us.

 3. The Lord has power for us.

 4. The Lord has given prayer to us.

 5. Lord has protection for us.

 **Hallelujah*, What a Savior!!!***