

**Sermon – Friday 16 April 2010**  
Visit of Ferdi Miltenburg for Missions  
Detox Your Brain & Hear God's Voice

**Worship:**

- Indescribable
- Amazing
- How Great Thou Art
- More Love More Power

**Communion:**

- More Than All the World

**Announcements:**

- Prayer Starting in Schools – delayed one more week
- Church BBQ & Video Night – April 30
- Youth Talent Night Tomorrow Night – 7:00pm Rocky Church
- In a minute Ferdi to Share @ Zambia – **time to honour Ferdi & Diane**

**Offering: (iPod Song)**

- Reminder @ feeding the poor
- Reminder @ Tithing

**Ferdi to Share**

**Message:**

**There are 3 Things That Wage War Against Your Soul**

- The World
- The Flesh
- The Devil

**We Know the Devil Fights Us**

- Ephesians 6:10-13 talks about the Armour of God
- We resist him with faith, love and the armour of God.

**We Also Know that we struggle with Temptation and Evil Desires in Us – The Flesh**

- The Disciples struggled to pray because of the flesh – Matt 26:36-41

**The Third Major Enemy is “The World”**

- And we don't know much about what this is
- Is it “worldliness – in some ways it's good to be worldly minded for the sake of others
- Is it just “sex drugs, rocknroll, bad movies” – NO
- The spirit of the age is hard to see in your own culture.

**To See “the World” you have to look elsewhere first – Video**

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMMPX9xkWGs>
- For example, the Indian Caste System – hard to go against
- For people who live in India – that seems perfectly normal
- They assume that it's normal and live with it

- It seems wrong to outsiders, but to those living in india they accept it and don't fight it – they may not even notice it at all.

### **So What is the World**

- The world is a lifestyle, or way of living that has elements that are not Godly
- There are things that keep us from God – but often we don't even see that they are there
- There are things that outsiders might see – but we can't really see them ourselves.
- We can spot the obstacles others face, but we live within our culture and can't see our own issues.

### **So What are Some of the Issues We Face:**

- One of the biggest issues we face is business
- It doesn't seem wrong – in fact it seems good
- It makes us feel important – if we are busy, we must be important right?
- But being busy is an enemy – part of the World we talked about

### **When we are Busy What Happens:**

- We are tied up doing many things, that we often don't do the few things that do count
- We also find our minds are full of many thoughts, and we often stop thinking about the things that really matter
- When God tries to speak to us, he can't get through the haze of our business
- We fight the flesh and the devil, but the world – unchallenged assumptions in life – take us down.

### **Whoever you remain under the influence of the Spirit of this Age**

- You will probably never really hear God's voice
- I have people say to me “How do I know when god is talking?”
- You probably won't really hear Him unless you can begin to conquer busyness in your life.

### **A few years ago I decided to go Camping for 5 days of solitude**

- To KaKaMundi National Park – now part of Carnarvon National Park
- The idea was to spend 5 days in silence
- I did not take anything except a notebook, bible, food & swag
- I had no chair, no tent – very simple
- After 2 days I started to feel like I just wanted to go home and watch TV
- So I did.
- Our minds struggle to handle any kind of quietness
- We need to be busy – or at least be constantly stimulated.
- This is our struggle with the world

### **There has to come a time when you take the fight up against Busyness**

- You have to create a place in your life to think
- Then in that place you need to choose to think about the right things
- In your meditations or reflections and silence – suddenly God will speak.
- What does the Bible say “Be still and know that I am God.”
- If you are so busy – and feel important – you will never know God because you are never still.
- That's in **Psalm 46:10**

### **I'm going to close with one story from the Bible**

- Jesus is visiting two sisters – Mary & Martha – tell story.