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FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Just War Theology

Key Scripture: Esther 9:1-19

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When and how do Christians fight?

- 1) We fight within the limits God establishes.**
- 2) We seek to protect life not to take life.**
- 3) We seek peace.**
- 4) We are motivated by love.**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”

Matthew 5:43–44

Memory Verse for 2021

“that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:11–14

Scripture to Pray

Psalm 144:1-4

"Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. O LORD, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow."

From the Resources

“Augustine taught that it was possible for Christians to engage in war as long as they were acting under the authority of a legitimate ruler, their goal was peace, and their wills were animated by love for another.

*The Just War Tradition:
An Introduction*

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