2026-11-04 Summary

What does it truly mean to follow Christ, and are we doing it with our whole hearts or just enough to feel comfortable? This message takes an honest and unflinching look at the state of the modern church and challenges us to examine whether we have conformed Christianity to fit our lives rather than surrendering our lives to Christ. At the heart of the message are three foundational pillars that Scripture consistently points us toward: reading the Word, prayer, and fasting. These are not optional spiritual accessories but the very tools that sharpen our faith, deepen our relationship with God, and equip us for the war being waged against us daily on spiritual, mental, and physical fronts. The message draws on passages from Matthew, Hebrews, Psalms, and Jude to show that the attacks on our faith are not always coming from outside the church walls. Often, the most dangerous threats are the subtle ones from within, the watered-down gospels, the shallow calls to faith without discipleship, and the comfortable silence around sin and true repentance. This is a call for us to wake up, pick up the Word not just to understand right from wrong, but to genuinely know God, and to live lives that reflect the full weight of what it means to bear His name.