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Dear Friends at Immanuel Bible,

I have been thinking about fighting. I feel strongly protective of the 2,198 young people attending our teen retreats this winter. I believe that Biblically-thinking adults should guard and defend them from wrongdoers and should fight for their good. I am no friend to the scoundrels (even the legal ones) who sell them drugs that ruin their minds, or the liars who say that a boy does not need a dad to be involved in his life (or a similar man such as a grandfather or youth pastor). Jesus' command to love our enemies does not mean that we should have no enemies. I have some in mind.

So, we fight every weekend this winter. We fight for the minds of the next generation, and for their souls. We do this because we love them. Our attitude is summed up by G.K. Chesterton: "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." The battle has been joined. "Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side... He must win the battle." This is why we pray, even as we labor.

Thank you for joining in this noble fight. Winter retreats are a lot of work, and many volunteers have come to help us, but your prayers and your gifts are essential. Thank you. "For God has willed his truth to triumph through us."

Yours for Christ-exalting camping,

Paul Gardner

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\$360.00 Gardner

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