



## #9. "Spiritual Warfare" Ephesians 6:10-20

### Our Resources

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Vs 10-11

#1 God's MIGHT

#2 God's ARMOR

- You Are INSUFFICIENT For This Fight.

### Our Enemy

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Vs 12

#1. We OVERESTIMATE Our Enemy

#2. We UNDERESTIMATE Our Enemy

- He Is A Spiritual Being (Ephesians 6:12)
- He Is A Personal Being (Matthew 4:1-17)
- He Possesses Intellect (2 Corinthians 11: 3)
- He Has Emotions (Revelation 12:17)
- He Has A Will (2 Timothy 2:26)
- He Is A Created Being (Ezekiel 28:13)

### Our Position

against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. vs 12

- In The Realm Where Jesus RULES & Reigns  
(see Ephesians 1:3, Ephesians 2:5-6, Ephesians 3:10)

### Our Role

Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Vs 13

- We STAND Firm

## **Our Armor**

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,<sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;<sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. Vs 14-18

- *JESUS* Is Our Armor

*“Spiritual Warfare Is Not Just An Individual Reality, It Is A Corporate Reality”*

## **Our Victory**

To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. Vs 19-20

- Spiritual Warfare Is Not *DEFENSIVE*, It Is Offensive

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

- When you hear the phrase "spiritual warfare," what kind of images, thoughts, or emotions come to mind?
- Paul reminds us that our true struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of evil. How does this change the way you view conflicts with people in your daily life?

## **Read Ephesians 6:10-20**

- Why is it so tempting to rely on our own strength instead of finding our strength in the Lord?
- How does it affect you to know that the “heavenly places”—the realm where spiritual warfare occurs—is also where we have received every spiritual blessing, where we are seated with Christ, and where the church displays God’s manifold wisdom to the spiritual forces we wrestle against? Discuss your thoughts with the group.
- The armor includes practical representations like the *belt of truth*, *breastplate of righteousness*, *sandals of peace* – all of which are personified in Jesus. How do you practically "put on" these pieces in your daily routine?
- Paul commands us to pray "in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests". How has a consistent prayer life helped you stand firm during difficult or discouraging seasons?
- How does it impact you to know that Paul—a spiritual giant—asked for prayer so he could boldly proclaim the gospel?

Source:

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