

# SPIRITUAL WAR

EPHESIANS 6

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*<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,*  
Ephesians 6:10-14

### WEEKLY SERMON REFLECTION

- ◆ How did the message on “Spiritual War” speak to you personally?
- ◆ Why is that important to you?
- ◆ What part of this truth is the biggest challenge for you?

### HEAD

- ◆ What do you think about ‘spiritual warfare’? Is it real? What three things are we directed to do (what actions should we take) according to vv. 10-11 to prepare for battle?
- ◆ What are some of the ‘devil’s schemes’? (See John 8:44; 2 Cor 2:10-11, 11:13-14; 1 Cor 7:5; Eph 4:26-27; 1 Thes 2:18)
- ◆ Recall a conflict or situation involving a struggle with another person. Consider that scenario in light of v.12. Who is your enemy? By default, who is *not* your enemy? How does this challenge your thinking about loving one’s ‘enemies’—an unkind neighbor, a difficult co-worker, or an uncaring relative? What scheme is our real enemy trying to achieve through these struggles?
- ◆ Consider verse 13. What is the full armor of God? When should we put it on? Why does scripture tell us to put on the *FULL* armor? What happens if we don’t?



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## HEART

- ◆ Examine your life. How are you or aren't you preparing for spiritual battle daily? How do you make yourself alert to the devil's schemes? Do you accurately see who your enemies are? How do you utilize all of God's provisions (the FULL armor) given through Jesus Christ's victory on the cross over sin and death?
- ◆ Where are you currently being attacked in your life? Share with your life group and strategically plan how you will prepare yourself like a warrior for battle. Remember, Jesus Christ has already won! It's our job to live obediently and stand firm in his might.

## ACTION

- ◆ To overcome evil, we must stand humbly (and firmly) in Jesus Christ. Confess to God any areas of brokenness in your life, such as anger, bitterness, pride, or arrogance that can give the devil a foothold to your heart. Take some time to Surrender those hinderances and cling to Jesus to be strong in the Lord and his mighty power.
- ◆ We do not fight the spiritual war *for victory*. We fight the spiritual war *from a place of victory in Christ!* Choose to stand firmly on truth this week despite how you may feel. Memorize Ephesians 6:13 or another verse on the victory you already have in our Lord Jesus. (See Dt. 20:4; Is 54:17; 1 John 5:4; 1 Cor 10:13; John 16:33 as possibilities).

