

The Unseen Battle

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are **not the weapons of the world**. - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIV

Finally, be strong **in the Lord** and in **his mighty power**. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against **the devil's schemes**. 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. - Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV

WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT ALL THERE IS

A. You Are Not _____ In Your Battles!

B. Your _____ Are More _____ Than You Know!

THE UNSEEN ATTACK OF SATAN

1. He _____ The _____ Of Unbelievers!

The god of this age has **blinded the minds of unbelievers**, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel.

- 2 Corinthians 4:4 NIV

2. He _____ God's _____ From You!

“When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, **the evil one** comes and **snatches away** what was sown in his heart.” - Matthew 13:19 NIV

3. He Sets _____ To _____ You!

...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the **trap of the devil**, who has taken them captive **to do his will**. - 2 Timothy 2:26 NIV

4. He _____ To _____ You!

For we wanted to come to you-certainly I, Paul, did, again and again-but **Satan stopped us**.

- 1 Thessalonians 2:18 NIV

5. He _____ To _____ You!

Your enemy **the devil prowls around** like a roaring lion looking for someone **to devour**. - 1 Peter 5:8 NIV

FIGHTING THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

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. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. **With this in mind, be alert** and always keep on praying for all the saints. - Ephesians 6:13-18 NIV

- We Do Not Fight _____ Victory. We Fight _____ Victory!

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because **the one who is in you is greater** than the one who is in the world. - 1 John 4:4 NIV

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Read 2 Kings 6:15-18. Describe a time when you realized God was doing something spiritually that you couldn't see with your natural eyes. (Maybe God was warning you, or speaking to you, or prompting you to do something?)
- We looked at several of the devil's goals: blinding minds, stealing God's Word, trapping you, fighting against God's work and destroying you. What has your enemy done to hinder God's work in you recently?
- God has blessed you with spiritual armor and weapons that are not of this world. Your armor doesn't cover your backside. Other believers help cover you. Spend some time covering each other in prayer.
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week to become more alert to the devil's schemes?