

THE MATRIX IS REAL: WAKE UP TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE
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MEMORY VERSE:

“Satan has come to steal, kill and destroy your life, but I have come that you might have abundant life.”
-John 10:10 (NIV)

EPHESIANS 6:10-20 (NLT)

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

¹⁹ And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. ²⁰ I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE WE FACE:

1. The fight we face is _____.

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” -Ephesians 6:12

2. The fight we face is _____.

“Satan has come to steal, kill and destroy your life, but I have come that you might have abundant life.” -John 10:10 (NIV)

3. We don’t fight with our own _____.

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.” -Luke 22:31

4. We fight from victory, _____.

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross." -Colossians 2:13-15

SIX ARMAMENTS FOR FIGHTING OUR SPIRITUAL BATTLES:

#1. The _____.

"Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth..." -Ephesians 6:14a

"He [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." -John 8:44

#2. The _____.

"...putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness." -Ephesians 6:14b

#3. The _____.

For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared." -Ephesians 6:15

#4. The _____.

"In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil." -Ephesians 6:16

#5. The _____.

"Put on salvation as your helmet..." -Ephesians 6:17a

Remember this: Whatever has your mind has you.

#6. The _____.

"...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." -Ephesians 6:17b

MY NEXT STEP FOR TODAY ARE...

- Memorize **John 10:10**.
- Invite a friend to Rocky River Church next Sunday.
- Read one chapter of **Ephesians** each day this week.



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