



Sermon Guide: The Battle We're In - 06/14/26

Text(s): Ephesians 6:10-13

Big Idea: *Those who stand in Christ's strength stand against Satan's Schemes*

Summary of the Sermon - Paul describes the Christian life as a battlefield; the moment God rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His Son, we entered a spiritual conflict. Our enemy is real, strategic, and relentless, seeking to deceive, distract, divide, and hinder God's work in our lives and witness. Yet believers do not fight in their own strength, the same power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him above every ruler and authority is at work in us, enabling us to stand firm through the armor God has provided.

Discussion Questions

1. How does viewing your salvation as a transfer from one kingdom to another change the way you think about the Christian life?
2. Why do you think many Christians are surprised by spiritual opposition, discouragement, or temptation? Have you ever been caught off guard in this way?
3. The sermon stated, "The moment you trusted a Savior, you gained an enemy." How does that truth help explain some of the struggles believers face?
4. Why is it important to remember that our struggle is not ultimately against "flesh and blood"? How might this change the way you view conflict in your home, workplace, church, or community?
5. Which of Satan's schemes do you think believers are most vulnerable to today: deception, distraction, division, discouragement, temptation, or something else? Why?
6. How do you see the influence of "the world" (values, priorities, and ways of thinking opposed to God) pressing into everyday life?
7. What relationships or circumstances are you tempted to view as the ultimate problem, when there may be a deeper spiritual battle taking place?
8. What stood out to you about the truth that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in believers today?
9. The sermon emphasized that Christians do not fight for victory but from victory. What practical difference should that make in the way you face temptation, fear, discouragement, or spiritual opposition?
10. As we begin this Armor of God series, which piece of gospel armor are you most eager to understand and apply, and why do you think that area may be especially important in your life right now?