

• No one is "born a champion" ... they just choose to be champions

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

2Corinthians 10:4

(For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Isaiah 14:12

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

The greatest nightmare of the devil is the believer who not only understands but also walks in full spiritual authority

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion...

- The devil had lost his position of authority he now wanted to make sure that man lost his position of authority
- With a single seed of doubt about the absolute authority of God -

It was in this same context of the Garden that God made the greatest prophetic declaration in all of Scripture

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

• Called "seed of the woman" because His conception involved no man

Luke 1:35

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Matthew 27:46

My God My God why hast thou forsaken me...

John 19:30

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

1Corinthians 15:55-57

O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory? 56 The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law. But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

• Jesus truly is the ultimate champion in the eternal battle for authority

Ephesians 1:18-23

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead,

...and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places], 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come

And hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. Colossians 2:15

[And] having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly,

triumphing over them in it.

- The same demonic powers that tried to keep Jesus <u>physically</u> buried... are trying to keep you <u>spiritually</u> buried
- In the mind of God, when <u>Jesus</u> was raised from the dead <u>you</u> were raised from the dead!

Ephesians 2:5-6

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus

The spiritual authority of the Head (Christ) has been passed down to the Body (the Church)

1Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.