

# **BATTLE READY: *The Fight Is On***

**Ephesians 6:10-13**

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

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**I. \_\_\_\_\_ we really in a \_\_\_\_\_?**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God... (vv. 10-11a)*

*But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provisions for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (Romans 13:14)*

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ are we \_\_\_\_\_?**

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (vv. 11-12)*

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. (Ephesians 2:1-2)*

*You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)*

*“The enemy does not make war on us straightforwardly or openly by his wiles. What are the devil's wiles? They consist in trying to capture us by some shortcut and always by deceit...The devil never openly lays temptation before us. He does not mention idolatry out loud. But by his stratagems he presents idolatrous choices to us, by persuasive words and employing clever euphemisms.”*

*—John Chrysostom*

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ are we \_\_\_\_\_ for?**

*Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (v. 13)*

*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15-16)*

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. (Philippians 1:27-28)*

## TRAIN MEMORY VERSE ~ April

*“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

*For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4)*

## TRAIN READING PLAN – April 8-14

- Psalm 32; Luke 2
- Psalm 33; Luke 3
- Psalm 34; Luke 4
- Psalm 35; Luke 5
- Psalm 36; Luke 6

### **Legend:**

Are we really in a fight?

Who are we fighting?

What are we fighting for?

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