



## Ephesians 6 - Prepare for War

How many of our problems are really our fault verses being caused by some evil, demonic, entity?

Discuss this quote:

*There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.*

*-C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters*

Why is it important to have a biblical mindset when it comes to supernatural or spiritual things? Why do people often struggle with that?

**Read: Ephesians 6:10-12, 1 Samuel 17:43-47**

Paul and David are both clear that we are to move in the Lord's power and not our own.

How does understanding that "we battle not against flesh and blood" help us love our enemies?

We see several instances where people (Judas for instance) are motivated by malicious spirits. How do you treat such a person with a love first perspective? What would Jesus do?

Read: Ephesians 6:13-17

Of all the pieces of Spiritual Armor, which one do you feel is the easiest to forget to put on? Have you ever been found to be vulnerable, even when you thought you were covered? What happened? What did you learn?

How do you determine what truth is in your everyday life? On a scale of 1-10 how hard is it to stand for truth?

How does knowing that we are fighting from a position of victory give you peace?

How difficult is keeping hold of your peace? What helps you do that the most?

Faith is a necessary element of being a believer, especially in trying times. How does being with other believers help grow your faith?

How have you experienced the power of wearing the helmet of salvation in your everyday life? How do you keep yours strapped on where it's supposed to be?

Read: Ephesians 6:18, Acts 2:8, Acts 4:31, Luke 11:13

In the message, 4 things were shared to help us pray in the Spirit.

- Pray as the Spirit prompts us.
- Pray in He supplies.
- Pray for a fresh infilling of the Spirit.
- Pray to be reminded of the truths of God's Word relevant to the matter at hand.

How have you felt the Spirit prompt you to pray? How do you know it's Him?

What does it mean to pray in the strength, power, and authority of the Spirit? How does that change things?

When was the last time you prayed for a fresh infilling of the Spirit? Do we really need to do that? Why or Why not?

How often do you ask God to speak to you through His Word before you start searching it? Why is that important?

How can we pray for each other?