## SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

# Fellowship Bible Church WOMEN IN THE WORD

Spiritual Warfare: Terms of Engagement
Study Book by David Jeremiah
Ephesians 6:10-18

Lesson 1—"Are We Really in a War?"

We CANNOT live out the truths of God's word in our own strength. We have to live it out through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us. It is His power, not ours.

We acknowledge that "yes, we are in a war—spiritual warfare!" Also, God has provided spiritual armor for our protection as we "engage in this war"

Are you in any kind of "war"/conflict" within your marriage, your family, with extended family, your neighbor or neighbors, in the work place or even within your church?

Ephesians 2: 10-18

Paul stood "firm" as he endured to the end. 2 Timothy 4:7

Definitions of several words from your study:

"engagement"—a conflict—a battle

"armament"-- all the military forces and equipment of a nation; a large force for offense/defense; an arming or being armed for warfare; anything serving to protect or defend

#### IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

a liar -John 8:44; Genesis 3:4-5 shrewdness in plans - 2 Corinthians 2:10, 11 something often appears to be something it's not (Satan- angel of light) - 2 Cor 11:14 a deceiver - Genesis 3:13 an accuser -Revelation 12:10 evil power in the world -1 John 5:19 temptation -1 Thessalonians 3:5;Matthew 4:1 an enemy -Matthew 13:38,39 an adversary(one who comes against you) - 1 Peter 5:8, Job 1:6-12 GOD WILL MAKE A WAY FOR YOU- Not necessarily remove the temptation but enable you to PERSEVERE -- 1 Corinthians 10:13

### IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE, BE ALERT/ WATCHFUL:

- against thinking that we'll always be "Firm in our faith" 1 Corinthians 16:13
- always remembering to give thanks to God Colossians 4:2
- against thinking that we've overcome temptation Matthew 26:41
- against our enemy—(that we have no enemy) 1 Peter 5:8
- against pride-- (that we would not have spiritual warfare) 1 Corinthians 10:12

David Jeremiah writes--- "In order to know our enemy, we must understand how Satan goes about accomplishing his purposes. I paged through the Bible, writing down the verbs describing his activity: Satan beguiles, seduces, opposes, tempts, persecutes, blasphemes—and more. There are no edifying verbs associated with Satan. His determined goal is to diminish and deface the glory of God. And in pursuit of that goal he is utterly deceitful, divisive and destructive." from Spiritual Warfare: Terms of engagement"

- As Christians, we can know the battle is won. We are "fighting" from a position of victory. We just have to persevere.
- As believers, we need to live according to our victorious position (by faith) and not suffer defeat at the hands of the enemy, who has already been defeated.

**Psalm 44:5 (NASB)** Through You we will push back our adversaries; Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.

**1 John 3:8 (NASB)** The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

**John 16:33 (NASB)** "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

## 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

#### Colossians 2:15

Hebrews 2:14 (NASB) Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

## **Ephesians 1:22-23**

## **SATAN'S DEFEAT--**

(Jesus foretelling His death) John 12:28-31 (NASB)"Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him." 30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes. 31"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

**John 14:30; 2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NASB)** Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming.

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## **ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD**

**Romans 8:35-37 (NASB)** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

**Romans 8:39 (NASB)** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 1 Corinthians 15:57 (NASB) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **2 Corinthians 2:14 (NASB)** But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.
- **1 John 5:4 (NASB)** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

"In the book of Ephesians, the apostle Paul provides a word of encouragement; my brethren, be strong, in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10). And 2 Timothy 1:7 tells us that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power." In these passages we are reminded that the strength and power for the battle is a gift from the Lord. Isn't that a great encouragement? God Almighty has promised us, as His soldiers, that He will protect us and keep us strong. We can therefore come boldly to the front lines, knowing that the Christian is not commanded to be courageous in his own strength but to be emboldened by the power of another—and that other is Jesus Christ." David Jeremiah, "Answers to Questions about Spiritual Warfare", pp. 27, 28

#### TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS.....

- 1) What was the most important truth that the Holy Spirit impressed upon you through your study this past week?
- 2) Do you think that there is spiritual warfare in a believer's life? Why? Do have any Scriptures to back up your answer?
- 3) Is there spiritual warfare (of any kind) going on in your life at this time? Remember that the Lord is your strength and your power and you are not alone.