



Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6:10-13

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12 For we do not **wrestle against** flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, **against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.** 13 Therefore **take up** the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day (**so that when the day of evil comes**), and having done all, to stand. 14 **Stand therefore,**

The Attack

The greatest threat to your Destiny is rarely a sudden frontal attack from the enemy. Instead, it is the slow, subtle drift that happens when you think you're completely safe.

Uses the world and your flesh against you

Dissuaded

Distracted

Discouraged

Destruction

Dissuade— to convince or advise someone not to do something. Successfully talking someone out of a plan, action, or choice.

1 Kings 20

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20 Now Ben-Hadad the king of Syria gathered all his forces together; thirty-two kings were with him, with horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Samaria, and made war against it. **2 Then he sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him, “Thus says Ben-Hadad: 3 ‘Your silver and your gold are mine; your loveliest wives and children are mine.’ ”**

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4 And the king of Israel answered and said, “**My lord, O king, just as you say, I and all that I have are yours.**”

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11 So the king of Israel answered and said, “**Tell him, ‘Let not the one who puts on his armor boast like the one who takes it off.’ ”**

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13 Suddenly a prophet approached Ahab king of Israel, saying, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into your hand today, and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ ”

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28 Then a man of God came and spoke to the king of Israel, and said,
“Thus says the Lord: ‘Because the Syrians have said, “The Lord is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys,” therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ ”

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32 So they wore sackcloth around their waists and put ropes around their heads, and came to the king of Israel and said, **“Your servant Ben-Hadad says, ‘Please let me live.’ ”**

And he said, “Is he still alive? He is my brother.”

33 Now the men were watching closely to see whether any sign of mercy would come from him; and they quickly grasped at this word and said, **“Your brother Ben-Hadad.”**

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34 So Ben-Hadad said to him, “The cities which my father took from your father I will restore; and you may set up marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria.”

Then Ahab said, “I will send you away with this treaty.” So he made a treaty with him and sent him away.

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42 Then he said to him, **“Thus says the Lord: ‘Because you have let slip out of your hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.’ ”**

43 So the king of Israel went to his house sullen and displeased, and came to Samaria.

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2 Samuel 11:1-2

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David, Bathsheba, and Uriah

11 It happened in the spring of the year, **at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.**

2 Samuel 11:1-2

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2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

His distraction wasn't a lack of power, but a lack of purpose in that moment

When you're not where you're supposed to be, trouble finds you

The sad thing is, he went from distracted — — deteriorated.

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Uzziah
vs
Hezekiah

2 Chronicles 26:16-23

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16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction,
for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of
the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. **17** So Azariah the
priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the Lord—
valiant men.

2 Chronicles 26:16-23

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18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. **Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the Lord God.”**

2 Kings 18:5-7

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19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the Lord, beside the incense altar. **20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the Lord had struck him.**

2 Kings 18:5-7

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21 King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper;

for he was cut off from the house of the Lord.

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5 He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him. 6 For he held fast to the Lord; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the Lord had commanded Moses. 7 The Lord was with him; he prospered wherever he went.

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Hezekiah's Life Extended

20 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’ ”

2 Kings 20

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2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, 3 “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

2 Kings 20

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4 And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 5 “Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘**Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you.**

2 Samuel 12

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5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

2 Samuel 12

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13 Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.



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