SUPERNATURAL—1 SPIRITUAL WARFARE

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:10-12

WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT ALL THERE IS

• YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR BATTLES.

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:15-17

• YOUR PRAYERS ARE FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU KNOW.

"Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future, for this vision concerns a time yet to come."

Daniel 10:12-14 NLT

WHAT DOES THE DEVIL DO?

1. HE BLINDS THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers...2 Corinthians 4:4

2. HE STEALS GOD'S WORD FROM YOU.

"When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart." Matthew 13:19

3. HE SETS TRAPS TO ENSNARE YOU.

...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the <u>trap of the devil</u>, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:26

4. HE FIGHTS TO STOP YOU.

For we wanted to come to you-certainly I, Paul, did, again and again-but <u>Satan</u> <u>stopped us</u>. 1 Thessalonians 2:18

5. HE PLANS TO <u>DESTROY</u> YOU.

Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8

THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:13-18

• WE DO NOT FIGHT <u>FOR</u> VICTORY. WE FIGHT <u>FROM</u> VICTORY.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4