

**Unseen
Fighting the Battles You Can't See
The Invisible War
Discover Church
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Learning to Fight the Invisible Battles

1. The battle **beneath** the **surface**

“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.” Ephesians 6:10-11

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“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 6:12

The battle isn't **horizontal**, it's **vertical**

2. The real enemy **isn't** who you **think**

The devil doesn't need to **destroy** you if he can **distract** you

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

If you don't name your **enemy**, you will blame the **wrong people**.

3. You can't win a **spiritual** battle with **physical** weapons

*“Therefore **put on** the full armor of God,” Ephesians 6:13*

“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist” Ephesians 6:14

➤ Belt of **Truth**

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

“With the breastplate of righteousness in place.” Ephesians 6:14

➤ Breastplate of **Righteousness**

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

“And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” Ephesians 6:15

➤ Shoes of **Peace**

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Matthew 5:9

“In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” Ephesians 6:16

➤ Shield of **Faith**

“No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.” Isaiah 54:17

“Take the helmet of salvation.” Ephesians 6:17

➤ Helmet of **Salvation**

“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. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

➤ Sword of the **Spirit**

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

“So that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” Ephesians 6:13

4. **Stand** firm

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Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-17; 1 Peter 5:8; John 8:32; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 5:9; Isaiah 54:17; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Hebrews 4:12