



## Pt. 3: Fighting Your Battles

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 We fight battles in our lives every day. When the pressures of life come crashing in relentlessly, where do you turn? Everyone is guilty of looking over the fence to see if the grass is greener. Doctors' and counselors' offices are filled with people trying to find perspective and balance. We live in a high-tech environment; with great inventions allowing us to get our work done in less time and minimal effort, but now we are trying to cram more and more into those new-found slots of available time. The battles continue, you are seeking relief, and God can provide the peace you need. Read Proverbs 16:3. God has a plan for your life; don't let your battles distract you from the good God has in store for you!
- Day 2 Do you have an enemy you have to constantly battle against? In 1 Samuel 14:6, the Bible explains that we have the Lord is fighting our battles for us. "Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few." When the Israelites hid from their enemy, they left behind the good that God had for them. You can win your battles with who you have, and who you have is God. Read Ephesians 6:10-17. Outfit yourself in God's armor and take comfort in knowing you are not going into battle alone. He is ready to shield you, strengthen you, and defend you. Today, face your battles with faith and confidence that God has got your back.
- Day 3 God gave us relationships and friendships to help us enjoy life, lean on for support, and encourage one another. At Waters Edge, we believe that everyone needs a group! It is through these connections that we build our relationships with God and with each other. When facing times of joy or times of hardships, people in your group are there to help you. Read Proverbs 18:24. As Christians, we are distinguished by our extraordinary love for each other. We are ready to support and encourage; going out of our way to help in times of need. God will use people in your life to help you win! You can get past the battle in front of you. Connect with your group, find your people, and find your support system.
- Day 4 Have you ever felt like you were stuck between the rock and the hard place? You are not alone! The Bible illustrates so many of God's people that were in exactly that same place as you. Just as Jonathan found himself caught between Bozez (the slippery one) and the other Seneh (the thicket of thorns), we often find the stresses, hardships, troubles, and battles of life pit us against the slippery slope and the thicket of thorns. God has a way of meeting you right where you are. Read Psalm 34:4-8 (MSG). No matter the circumstances, no matter where you are, always turn to God to help you overcome your battles.
- Day 5 Each of us has a story. Whether it is a story of finding our faith, overcoming loneliness, winning the battle against cancer, mourning the loss of a loved one, waging the battle of divorce, or surviving teenage children, we all have a story to share. Read Romans 8:28. When we encourage each other with our stories, we are able to console others with the understanding that we do not have to go through our battles alone. From right where you are with God by your side and the people you surround yourself with; there is victory to be found in your battles. You can win; no matter what!

## What's New?

Baptism is an outward sign of an inner change. It is a way to publicly announce your commitment to follow Christ, and your desire to identify with Him in a unique way. On Sunday, July 29, at 2:00 PM, we will be baptizing at the beach! Register at [watersedgechurch.net/baptism](http://watersedgechurch.net/baptism).