

Day 26: The Battle ~ Trials & Tribulations

We begin a new subject series called The Battle. When I rededicated my life to the Lord, I was ignorant of spiritual warfare. As I look back, I see how the enemy attempted to take hold of my life. I am thankful the Lord taught me, even quickly through a major trial, that greater is He in my life than the enemy (1 John 4:4).

Jesus informed us that problems would arise in our lives in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

I used to think that life should be easier for Christians because we serve a God who can do anything. Yet that was far from the truth. We have a target on our back because we ARE Christians. This statement hopefully does not trigger fear, but a realization. Evil is real. When we ignore this fact, we are more likely to be caught off guard and face more battles. Now, I am quickly aware of what the enemy is attempting to do and can pray or adjust my response.

John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." The thief— Satan wants to steal from you, kill you physically and spiritually, and destroy your life and testimony. But Jesus came to give you life. Once again, Jesus reiterates that we do not need to fear because He has come.

1 Peter 5:8, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." We must be alert. We must endure and stand our ground. The greatest news of all? We do not stand alone. The Lord stands with us!

Every battle ends. Isaiah 54:17, "No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD." The Lord fights for you!

Day 26 Worksheet

How would you explain the scripture John 16:33 to an unbeliever?

As believers, sometimes we think we should be immune to trials. I know I used to until I learned more about spiritual warfare. Do you think this way? If yes, why? If not, did you ever think like this?

John 10:10 says the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy but Jesus came to give life. Does this scripture accurately reflect your life? Explain.

We do not need to be afraid of the devil as Jesus said He has overcome the enemy's dominion. Yet, we need to remain aware that he is after anyone who rejects him. What are two action steps you can take today to remain steadfast in the battle?
