



Message Series Guide

Without Ceasing

Part 6 – Prayer and Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6:10-18

We may forget at times...but our battle in this world is not against one another, but against the powers and principalities of this world. Day by day, hour by hour, we face a spiritual war and an enemy who is real. The devil wants nothing more than to bring defeat, for his main intention is to steal, kill, and destroy. The forces of darkness do not wait for us to be ready for their attack. The way we prepare ourselves for spiritual warfare is by putting on the armor of God every day. The full armor of God comprises of the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, feet ready with the Gospel of Peace, the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit.

READ:

Ephesians 6:10-18 • 1 Peter 5:8 • 2 Corinthians 12:9 • Luke 6:27-29 • John 8:44

- Where does our strength come from to fight spiritual warfare? How is God's strength made perfect in our weakness? Do you agree or disagree with this statement, "When we put the Armor of God on us, it goes into us?" Why or why not?
- Why is it so important to stand up when engaging in a fight or battle? What happens when one falls during battle? How do we stand against the schemes of the devil?
- According to Ephesians 6:12, who is our true enemy? Why is spiritual warfare not a battle of flesh and blood?
- What belt are we to wear? In what sense does Paul want believers to "wear" truth?
- What does the breastplate of righteousness protect us from? What sense does Paul want believers to "wear" righteousness? In what ways do you struggle in wearing Christ's righteousness daily?
- What is the readiness we are to wear on our feet? Why is the Gospel important in spiritual warfare?
- What does the shield of faith protect us from? How does faith help us in spiritual warfare?
- How does the assurance of our (helmet of) salvation help us in spiritual warfare?
- What is the sword of the spirit, and how do we use it in spiritual warfare?
- Why is prayer such an important strategy when combating our spiritual enemy?

DISCUSS:

- Share about a time in your life where you felt that there was a force working against you? How did you combat against that force? How does it make you feel knowing that there is an unseen battle of darkness happening in your life?
- When someone wrongs you, are you tempted to retaliate against them? How can you refocus your emotions and strength on the true enemy behind the attack?
- What area(s) of your life are most often attacked by Satan? How can you apply the armor of God?

PRAY:

Pray that you would be faithful to put on the full armor of God every single day.

RESPOND:

What pieces of armor are you strong in? How does God want you to use those strengths? What armor are you weak in? What steps do you sense God would have you take to grow in areas that you are weak?