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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.

—Ephesians 6:14-17

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

Every battle we face in the physical, visible world, takes its root in the invisible, spiritual world.

In order to acknowledge spiritual warfare, we must acknowledge there is an originator of evil, Satan.

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God..."

—Isaiah 14:12-13

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.

—C.S. Lewis

While we focus on our personal spiritual battles, there is a much bigger war happening between Satan and God.

God decided to no longer use people to fight this spiritual battle, instead, God became man in the form of Jesus to win the battle.

God made the ultimate countermove. He rose Jesus from the dead. Thus, allowing all of the sins of the world, including your sins, to be forgiven.

The Armor of God is needed to fend off the attacks of the devil. And this invisible armor is activated through prayer.

Then the devil who fooled them will be thrown into the lake of fire burning with sulphur.

—Revelation 20:10

Next Week: At The Movies (services back to regular times - 9:30 and 11 AM)