

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF THE FAITH! CLING TO THE
ETERNAL LIFE YOU WERE CALLED TO WHEN YOU
CONFESSED THE GOOD CONFSSION BEFORE WITNESSES.



THE SPIRITUAL WAR

Why are We in a Fight?

Who's Fighting?

Where is the Fight?

What's My Part?



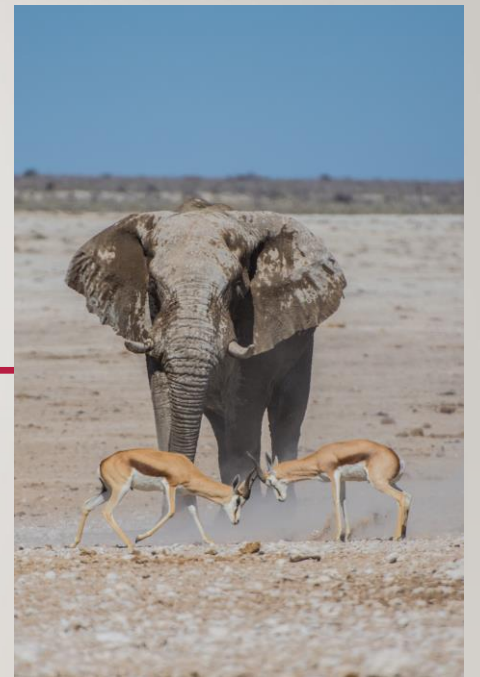
WHY ARE WE IN A FIGHT

I Peter 5:8

- Most importantly, be disciplined and stay on guard. Your enemy the devil is prowling around outside like a roaring lion, just waiting and hoping for the chance to devour someone.

James 4:1-2

- Where do you think your fighting and endless conflict come from? Don't you think that they originate in the constant pursuit of gratification that rages inside each of you like an uncontrolled militia? 2 You crave something that you do not possess, so you murder to get it. You desire the things you cannot earn, so you sue others and fight for what you want. You do not have because you have chosen not to ask.



WHO ARE THE PLAYERS



God, Jesus, Holy Spirit

- The God Head Eternal Creator and Power

Humans

- The Creation of God - The Pleasure of God

Satan

- Fallen, Disgraced, Accuser, Deceiver, Murderer

Demons

- Fallen Angels, Imps, Evil Spirits

Principalities

- Administers over Government, Powers, Rulers

Powers

- Energy of Fear, Depression, Airs of Evil over land

Rulers of Darkness

- Spiritual Realms, Nations, World Cultures

THE BATTLEFIELDS

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- Battlefield of the Soul 2 Cor 10:5-6
(Mind Will Emotions)
 - Battlefield of the Church Eph 4:2-3
(Relationship, Personal and Corporate)
 - Battlefield in the Spiritual Realm 2 Cor 10:3-6
(City, Region, State, Nation, World)



THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE SOUL

(THE MIND WILL AND EMOTIONS)



- Thought Life Desires vs Obedience Present with God & Others
- Intellect Reasoning Pride vs Humility Submit to Gods Ways
- Emotions Feelings vs Truth Trust Patience
- Belief System Rules vs Relationship Word & Grace of God



THE BASICS OF WARFARE



- 1. The only power the enemy has is what we give him.
- 2. Attacks come in seasons and waves.
- 3. God can use the attacks for our good.
- 4. Attacks can bring clarity to our belief system.
- 5. We are never alone in the battle.
- 6. We learn to discern attacks vs correction.
- 7. We learn internal ownership and honesty.
- 8. Gods Wisdom comes.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BATTLE!!!

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5

- My “Thought Life” Tells the Story. Vs 5
- The “What If’s” reveal my beliefs. Eph 6:12
- “The High Things” reveal my faith. Phil 1:28



WHAT IS MY PART

EPHESIANS 6:13-17

¹³ And this is why you need to be head-to-toe in the full armor of God: so you can resist during these evil days and be fully prepared to hold your ground. ¹⁴ Yes, stand—truth banded around your waist, righteousness as your chest plate, ¹⁵ and feet protected in preparation to proclaim the good news of peace. ¹⁶ Don't forget to raise the shield of faith above all else, so you will be able to extinguish flaming spears hurled at you from the wicked one. ¹⁷ Take also the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE



- The Belt of Truth:

- True means real, honest, integrity.
- Protect the gates of our souls.
- Enemy storms the gates of our souls here.



- The Breast Plate of Righteousness:

- Your heart, the seat of your soul, foot stool of our spirits.
- Dwelling of our true nature from God. We live to protect it we don't create it.
- Enemy accuses us here.



THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE



- Our feet covered with the Gospel of Peace:
 - Peace keeps our footing. Rom 16:20
 - Clear mind and heart in the fire storm of battle. Phil 4:7
 - Enemy aims lies about who we are and how we are doing.
- Shield of Faith:
 - Flaming Arrows and Darts Can't Hit Home.
 - Our belief structure stands by faith. Heb 4:12
 - Enemy tries to destroy our belief system with Fear, Lies, Doubt.



THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE



- **Helmet of Salvation**

- Protection around head and face. IS 26:3
- It reflects who we represent, keeps our identity intact.
- Enemy goes after our identity, confidence in God



- **Sword of the Spirit**

- Close encounters & Remnants of a wound
- Logos vs Rhema
- Enemy comes quickly and very close no warning.



FAMILY TIME

- HOW DO YOU SEE THE ATTACKS AND BATTLES IN YOUR LIFE?
- WHAT IS WORKING FOR YOU?

