



Big Idea

There is a spirit world, where there is a war going on between the Kingdom of Light versus the kingdom of darkness. The unseen, supernatural world influences the natural world, not the other way around. The bible tells us that we are not alone in our battles, but the warriors of God are on our side. Our prayers are far more powerful than we know. Daniel prayed, God heard and responded and dispatched angels. Those angels were met by opposition for 21 days. There is a real devil, the enemy of our souls. He blinds the minds of unbelievers and is trying to capture our mind and distract us from hearing the truth, because the truth will set you free. The devil steals God's Word from you and sets traps to ensnare you. The devil wants to set your life up in such a way that your lifestyle begins to destroy you. The devil will always try to trap you in your area of weakness. He fights to stop you because he doesn't want you to advance. He plans to destroy you. The devil is looking for someone to devour and he hates anything that matters to God.

For too long, Christians have been too passive. God is calling believers to fight a war in the battle between Heaven and hell. How do you fight this spiritual battle? Put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-18 NIV).

- The helmet of salvation.
- The breastplate of righteousness.
- The shield of faith.
- The belt of truth.
- The shoes of the Gospel of peace.
- The sword of the Spirit (the Word of God).
- Prayer in the Spirit.

We don't fight for victory. We fight from victory. God wants us to learn how to fight.

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world" (2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIV).

Discussion Questions

1. In your life, where do you notice the most opposition from the devil; capturing your mind, distracting from truth, steals God's word, traps you in area of weakness?
2. Did exposing the devil's schemes open you up to any blind spots?
3. Are you a spiritual stalker, meaning you have salvation but not wearing any other armor?
4. What armor of God are you missing?

Next Steps

- How can we pray for you this week? Write down each person's prayer requests and make it a point to pray for them and text them with an encouraging word at some point during the week.

Prayer Focus

- Pray for God to open our eyes to the things unseen and give us an awareness of the schemes of the devil.
- Pray for our courage and boldness to put on the armor of God and fight FROM victory.
- Pray for God to stop the spread of the coronavirus.