



Notes | August 11, 2024

As it is in Heaven: How to Fight Spiritual Warfare

The Kingdom of God is a love story set in the backdrop of war. A biblical approach to understanding spiritual warfare is necessary as a Christian to know how to fight against the devil's schemes. A lot of people struggle to believe in Jesus, but it's more difficult to deny the power of evil in this world. That is spiritual warfare! For some reason the idea of evil and supernatural forces of darkness makes us feel uncomfortable! It is important for us to learn how to fight these supernatural forces with Kingdom power and Biblical principles! God has already won the war, but we need to equip ourselves to know how to fight our battles!

Key Scripture | Ephesians 6:12

*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 realm**.*

Related Scriptures

2nd Kings 6:16-17; Ephesians 6:10-12; Colossians 2:13-15; Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 6:13-17; James 4:7; Acts 19:13-16

Icebreakers:

Q: Have you been watching the Olympics? If so, what has been your favorite sport to watch?



Key Thoughts and Reflections:

I. There is a Spiritual World and Spiritual Warfare.

Q: Ephesians 6:10-12 says, " 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."

How does this verse help you define spiritual warfare?

Q: Satan has an agenda. He wants to take you out because God LOVES YOU and Satan hates God. Is there an area in your life you feel Satan attacking?

Q: Satan can attack in different ways. He is a bold roaring lion, a sneaky tempter, an accuser, and the Father of lies. Which one of these does Satan use to get your attention the most?

II. Jesus has won the war, but we are still in the battle.

Q: How did God defeat Satan?

Q: The armor of God is God's gameplan for Christians against Satan. Read Ephesians 6:13-17, which piece of armor do you feel it is easy for you to put on?

Q: In the previous question we talked about which piece is easy for you. Is there a piece that is difficult for you to put on or you don't understand why It Is needed?

III. Engage the Battle

Q: "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you." What does this mean to you? How do you make the devil run?

Q: Do you believe in the power of prayer?

Q: Talk about a specific prayer you've seen answered in your life.



Get Practical

The Spiritual world is alive and active. Satan may be on the prowl, but He is limited in what he can do. The best news is, God has already won! This doesn't mean that we grow passive and let the story play out without us. We need to step into the battle and fight. One way to do that is through identifying areas you could be growing passive in spiritual warfare. Take some time this week to identify two areas of your life where you need to focus on taking steps towards Jesus. What are two areas where you have been struggling and need breakthrough? Once you've identified those, begin praying over them .