

First Baptist Poinciana
Spiritual Warfare Series
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Session Two | **Fit for the Battle** | Ephesians 6:10-20

DETECT - DEACTIVATE - DEMOLISH

We are surrounded by spiritual conflict, a literal war of the ages. Angels versus demons, good versus evil, light versus darkness. Most believers in Christ go about daily life *pretending* this battle is not even happening, as if it is just all a fairy tale, or some made up sci-fi story.

Most people think the only battle is what they can _____
As if the real enemy is the person with whom they are arguing, their job, their health, the economy, - you can fill in the blank of diversions we use to avoid seeing the true _____, - satan and demons.

Because this is a _____ we must prepare for the fight and be ready for anything that the enemy may send our way.
We must be _____

Ephesians 6:10-20

The battle we, as believers, face every day comes from the scheme of the devil. Our accuser. Satan loves for you to see spiritual warfare and conflict as a fairy tale, he loves for you to see him as a harmless cartoon, a being not to be taken seriously. All the while, like an opposing team - his demonic realm watches your game film. They know your past, your weak spots, & your sin patterns. Their goal is to keep you from experiencing God's will for your life. YOU are NOT their first assignment - They (demons/satan) are great at what they do.

THIS MEANS WAR. (Vs 10-13)

1. Our _____ must come from God, and Him alone.
2. We must put on the _____ of God.
3. The schemer (satan) is scheming and we must be ready to _____ against him. Our struggles are _____ in the schemes of the devil

Your human strength won't work! You must fight the spiritual with the spiritual. Our only hope is found in verse 10-11, that we are _____ by the Lord, and put on the whole armor of God.

KNOW THE REAL ENEMY. (Vs 12-13)

1. Demonic forces - even satan, wants you to believe that others are the issue, causing arguments, divisions, breaks in unity.
2. Satan knows that where he can create conflict he can cause division and where he can cause division, he can cause destruction.

How does satan begin this attack on believers, families, and churches?

- He plants the idea.
- We water and tend it with our thoughts (battle of the mind)
- We speak it to ourselves & others. This is the reaping of the seeds you allowed satan to plant in your mind - now it grows like a weed.

Our attention is transferred from Heavenly (things of God) to Earthly things - **Mark 8:33**

Ephesians 4:29 - includes yourself.

Matthew 12:36 - we will give account (did we build up or tear down)

James 1:26 - Do not render yourself useless to God's Kingdom.

3. Our _____ enemy is satan and demons (rulers, authorities, cosmic powers of darkness, against evil spiritual forces in the heavens.)

WE PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR. (Vs 14-17)

1. We must take our _____. Be Ready. Do Not Waiver.

Put On The:

- **Belt of Truth.** This means to live _____ before God. Satan is a liar, the father of liars. And he cannot function in an environment of truth.

- **Breastplate of Righteousness.** Our righteousness is not our own, we can do no good on our own. (Isaiah 64:6) God _____ Christ's perfect righteousness to us. (2 Cor. 5:21)

1. When satan attacks & accuses you, then, fight back with the truth of your righteous standing in Christ Jesus - that is to be reflected by righteous living based on the truth. (The Word of God) Jesus also said - "I AM - the Way, **the Truth** and the Life)

Living in sin, un-repentant sin, acts of unrighteousness (Eph. 4:31) act as an open invitation for satan and his demonic forces to invade your heart and life in order to defeat us spiritually.

- **Sandals for the Gospel of Truth.** This is the peace of God that confirms we are going in the right direction. With God on our side who can be against us? Everyone, from every where, from inside the church and outside the church. The promise is not that nothing or no one will come against us when we follow God's direction - the promise is that they will not succeed. They are always instruments and idle mouths of satanic and demonic forces.

- **The Shield of Faith.** Faith is acting like God is telling the _____. Being obedient to God's view on all matters. Whatever satan fires at you, you will overcome it through faith and believing God's Word. Acting in faith (not sight) is like activating a divine fire extinguisher.

(Whole Armor of God, continued)

Put On The:

- **Helmet of Salvation.** We are to think the way God _____.
We must have a biblical mindset. Operating with the mind of
Christ, not giving way to _____ or _____.

- **The Sword of the Spirit - the Word of God.**

This is the only _____ weapon in our spiritual armor.
Used for "hand-to-hand" combat. We use the Word of God to defeat
satan's lies. It is made effective by the Spirit to defeat the fiery arrows
of satan. Jesus defeated satan during Jesus' temptation by saying: "It
is written" (Matthew 4:1-11) We have the same power in the Word of
God. We must learn to use scripture against the devil. Satan is allergic
to the Word of God when it is consistently used against him.

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! (vs 18)

1. Prayer is the means of putting on your armor.
2. This is a picture of what Jesus has done for each of us.

We are to not only pray in the spirit, but also walk in the spirit. **(Gal. 5:16-26)** for us to encounter victory we have marching orders.

1. Put on the Whole Armor of God
2. Pray in the Spirit (for everyone)
3. Walk in the Spirit (live in the Heavenly Realm)

If you can't remember all of these -

PUT ON JESUS!

Romans 13:14.

Do you need to put on Jesus today? Make a decision to follow
Him in salvation? Surrender your life to Him? Let us know.

Participation in a time of warfare prayer. (Around the altar)