

Spiritual Warfare

How Do We Make War Pt. 1

Prayer School

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Key Scripture:

Ephesians 6:10-13

“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. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” (ESV)

Battle Strategies

How Do We Make War?

1. **In the Victory and Power of Christ.** *may be able to stand your ground*
2. **The war starts with where we identify ourselves. You can't be both a son and a victim.**

Romans 8: 14 *"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."*

We must choose to embrace salvation and embrace him as Father.

Until my view of the Father is correct, I cant view myself and my life correctly.

So, where do we build our faith upon? That which we speak stems from what we believe.

Romans 10: 8 *“But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”*

We must speak identity and solidity in christ to overcome. To speak otherwise is to doubt the power of salvation.

A. Victory Won in Christ's Death on the Cross.

This is a war that has already been won, and we are on the right side of it!

Colossians 2:13 *“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you[d] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the Cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the Cross.”*

We're still in the battle, but the outcome has been decided. He's given us everything we need to overcome

Romans 8: 31 *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”*

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B. Victory Delivered in Christ's Resurrection and Ascension.

1 John 3:8

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”

Jesus has finished His work here on earth and now delegates the job of enforcing His Victory, taking the territory of men's hearts, to us.

- He is seated at the right hand of God, directing all activity from the highest place of authority in the universe.
- We are not battling in our own strength.
- He has sent His Holy Spirit to empower and equip us to fulfill our mission.

2 TIM 1: 6 *“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.”*

We are no longer victims, and we are sons and daughters!