

## Call to Duty – Spiritual Warfare – 2

### Ephesians 6:12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. NKJV

- People are not the enemy
- We wrestle with principalities that try to distract us from focusing on the author of our faith – Jesus

The devil does not have the same attributes as God

God is omniscient – all knowing

The devil does not know what you're thinking

God is omnipotent – all powerful

The devil is not!

God is omnipresent – Everywhere all the time

The devil is not!

### 1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. NKJV

- Verse 9 says – Resist him in the faith

### Colossians 2:15

15 **Having disarmed** principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. NKJV



### Ephesians 6:11, 13-14

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness. NKJV

- 4 times STAND is repeated
- Stand still and see His deliverance!  
– Exodus 14:13, 2 Chronicles 20:17
- The devil will always try to make you think you don't have what you already do!
- Wiles – Strategy of deceit and trickery

### Deuteronomy 3:18, 21-22; 4:5-6

18 "Then I commanded you at that time, saying: 'The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel.

21 "And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass. 22 You must not fear them, for the LORD your God Himself fights for you.' NKJV

5 "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess.



6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' NKJV

- God has given us the land!
- Winning or losing the spiritual battle determines our entry into successful Christian living – Promised Land
- Remember the devil is defeated
- Do not let fear or doubt defeat you
- Speak the word
- Make known the will of God to the principalities and powers of darkness

### Ephesians 3:10

10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. NKJV

Our Struggle – what gets us off track – Temptation  
Lust of the flesh – Lust of the eyes – Pride of life

### 1 John 2:15-16

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.  
16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. NKJV

- Vs. 17 – The world is passing away

The problem is not too much sin but not enough of the presence of God in our lives – Seek first!



Allow “Him” to be the answer to your needs

### Ephesians 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. NKJV

- Don't say I'm trying to be rich
  - Say I am rich! – In Him
- Don't say I am trying to be strong
  - Say I am strong! – In Him
- Don't say I am trying to be well
  - Say I am well! – In Him

Don't let the devil get in your head with doubt, fear and lack

Don't fight for the victory – Fight from the victory!

The devil will always try to get you to think you don't have enough of what you need

Remember Adam and Eve were in a perfect garden, yet he got them to believe there was still something they were missing

- I fear that God can't (*wont*) meet my needs
- I control my life on my own
  - sin (*separation from God*)
- I try to hide – fig leaf
- I blame others – then blame God

There is a spiritual battle going on – don't lose heart  
– don't give in – stand and see your answer come!  
Remember we do not wrestle with flesh and blood!



## Jesus' Temptation

Luke 4:3-4, 7-8, 9-12

3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

- Live by the word!
- Quoting – Deuteronomy 8:3  
*"God fed you with manna to make you know man shall not live by..."*

7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." – "Kingdoms of this world"

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

- Serve the Lord!
- Seek the kingdom first! – Luke 12:31

9 "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,

To keep you,' 11 and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" NKJV

- Don't doubt what the Lord has said – Deception 101
- "Has God indeed said?" – Genesis 3:1



## The Belt of Truth

When Paul wrote he was referencing a roman soldier's armor and using it as a picture of our spiritual weapons

### Ephesians 6:14 NKJV

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth.

- The belt holds the swords scabbard
- It holds smaller daggers
- It also would hold your pants up
- How can you fight with your pants down?
- How can you fight with one hand holding up your pants?
- The belt holds all the other armor together
- How can I live a spiritually bold life?

### Proverbs 28:1

1 The wicked flee when no one pursues,  
But the righteous are bold as a lion. NKJV

- When you realize who you are you live with boldness

The belt is the truth of the word of God

If I don't have much truth in my life I won't be able to hold the armor together

### John 8:32

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." NKJV



We wrestle with darkness – truth expels darkness

**Psalm 119:130**

130 The entrance of Your words gives light;  
It gives understanding to the simple. NKJV

Remodeling our bathroom in our first house  
In the darkness its where ants and spiders and scorpions  
and snakes dwell – When exposed to the light they scatter

It's like that in the areas of our minds where the light of  
Gods word has not transformed our thinking  
You may be free in your right standing  
Yet you are bound in the area of finances or healing  
When we are in the dark that is where fear and doubt enter

The more truth you receive the more victory you will see  
manifest in your life – The truth sets you free

**Matthew 12:20**

20 A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He  
will not quench, till He sends forth justice to **victory**; NKJV

**Isaiah 42:3**

3 A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He  
will not quench; He will bring forth justice for **truth**. NKJV

Truth and Victory are synonymous once you know the truth  
you walk in victory



## 2 Corinthians 2:11

11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices. NKJV

We can not be ignorant of the Devils devices

- Pain in your body – your going to die
- Someone is talking to someone and looking at you
  - they must be talking trash about me
- A whisper says your spouse doesn't love you anymore
  - you become suspicious

You and I need to build up our fear “*trust*” in the Lord or we will fear everything else

Fear causes us to make decisions and become exactly what we fear

When we do not have a revelation of our identity in Him we will be prone to thoughts that question our value or purpose

- God is pleased with you!
- God has a purpose for you!

## Romans 8:37

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. NKJV

## 2 Corinthians 1:20

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. NKJV