

Fight Together.

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*You're fighting a SPIRITUAL BATTLE
whether you know it or not!*

Ecclesiastes 4

¹² A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.

You'll NEVER win the Battle ALONE.

Q: Who are you fighting with?

Q: Are you fighting the battles that matter the most?

Ephesians 6

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

There's MORE happening than what you can SEE.

Know Your Enemy.

- **The devil is a THIEF.**

John 10

¹⁰ Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

- **The devil is a LION.**

1 Peter 5

⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith.

- **The devil is a LIAR.**

John 8

⁴⁴ For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- **The devil is an ACCUSER.**

Revelation 12

⁹ This great dragon - the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world - was thrown down to the earth with all his angels. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, “It has come at last - salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth - the one who accuses them

*If you want to win a SPIRITUAL battle
you have to fight with SPIRITUAL weapons.*

before our God day and night. ¹¹ And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony.

2 Corinthians 10

³ We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. ⁴ We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. ⁵ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

Know Your Weapons.

1. Fight the devil with SCRIPTURE.

Hebrews 4

¹² For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Psalms 119

⁹ I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

Proverbs 30

⁵ Every word of God proves true. He is
a shield to all who come to him for protection.

*We're tempted to IGNORE the Word of God
because we don't know ALL of God's WORD.*

2. Fight the devil with PRAYER.

Mark 14

³⁸ Jesus said, “Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

John 14

¹³ Jesus said, “You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

Matthew 7

⁷ Jesus said, “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

Prayer is a 2-way CONVERSATION with God.

3. Fight the devil with COMMUNITY.

Matthew 18

²⁰ Jesus said, “Where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”

1 Samuel 14

⁶ Jonathan said to his armor bearer, “Let’s go across to the outpost of those pagans. Perhaps the LORD will help us, for nothing can hinder the LORD. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!” ⁷ “Do what you think is best,” the armor bearer replied. “I’m with you completely, whatever you decide.” ¹² “Come on, climb right behind me,” Jonathan said to his armor bearer, “for the LORD will help us defeat them!” ¹³ So they climbed up using both hands and feet, and the Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor bearer killed those who came behind them.

Table Group Questions:

Q: What battles are you fighting
that are extremely important?

Q: What battles are you fighting
that don't really matter?

Q: What battles are you fighting
that you're tempted to quit?

Q: Who's fighting your battles along with you?
Take a few minutes to think about it and
write their names below:
