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Spiritual Warfare - Armor of God

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but might in God for pulling down strongholds...." 2 Corinth. 10:3-4

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6 & EPHESIANS 6:10-18

Spiritual warfare, it is exactly how it sounds. A war going on in the spiritual realm. When the bible talks about spiritual warfare the Lord always tells us to *be strong in Him*, *Eph. 6:10*. To Fear not for He is with us *Joshua 1:9*. Additionally, when the bible talks about spiritual warfare, it not only tells us not to fear but also tells us **how**, how not to fear. The bible shows **how** to be strong in **Him** in the, and **how** to cast down, "refute" imaginative thoughts, and **how** to rest in Him.

Let's examine...

The War

- 2 Corinth. 10:3 "For though we walk in the flesh we do not war according to the flesh"
- **Eph. 6:12** "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood."

Flesh – though we walk, live, and operate in the flesh we do not war in the flesh. The flesh is where sin lies, it's what binds us to sin, thus we war not in flesh.

Spirit – We don't war in the flesh because it's the flesh that causes us to sin but it's the Spirit that gives life. God's Spirit. However, though the Spirit gives life, according the Eph. 612, we war against spiritual host in the wicked place. As a result, we must allow the Almighty, All Powerful God to fight for us in Spirit, as He is Spirit.

To have the revelation and understanding that it is God who fights for us in Spirit. We must have the understanding where the war has taken place.

Point 1 – Understanding where our war is taking place.

When the Army and troops go to war they don't go into war blinded sided, they go into war knowing where the battle started and who the battle is with.

Understanding the origin of our warfare...



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- When overcoming spiritual warfare, we must understand the origin of the war.
- Knowing this will give us the ability to think and act within our spirit and not act and think according to the flesh.
- We have the knowledge to know that the war is not within us but amongst us in the spiritual realm so we must war accordingly.

Whenever we are faced with trying situation whether it is circumstantial, situational, or internal. That "thing" we battle with, most of the time, it has nothing to do with ourselves, our mind our family and friends nor our circumstances. There are spiritual host in the heavenly places that are acting and moving against you, that are trying to cause you to become blindsided and loose hope, fall short with your relationship with Christ and even separate and tear down relationships. After all, the enemy does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy. BUT... GOD has come so that we may have life and that we may have life more abundantly. So, use His power to overcome and not be overcome but the enemy devises.

We war accordingly through His power.

The Power

- Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
- 2 Corinth. 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds"

Point 2 – Understanding that it's God, and Him alone that gives the power and through His Spirit we war, in Christ Jesus.

- His words tell us to be **strong** in the Lord for the **weapons** are **not** carnal.
- Be strong for the weapons are not carnal. Our weapons are of the Spiritual through the power of Christ Jesus.

To be strong in the Lord is to, surrender whatever it is that we are struggling with, with the knowledge and faith that God is mightier than our cares and He will cease the warfare.

When we are strong in the Lord we have already acknowledge that the war and the battlefield is out of our control. Not that we are lame and unable to war. But, we know how to war accordingly and specially how God wishes us to.

It's in the power of God where our strength lies and where our weapons come from.



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To be able to able to carry and use our Godly weapons we must be able to carry and use the Word of God. – It's through His spirit where we battle.

*** we can't wage a war without being armed and ready – to be able to conquer the spiritual warfare and the battlefield of our minds we must <u>rest</u>, be <u>strong in the Lord and be armed in</u>
Him because our weapons are not carnal but mighty in Him for pulling down strongholds.

Walk in the full authority that He has given you to wage a war.

The Authority

- **2 Corinth. 10:5** "Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.
- Ephesians 6:13-18

Point 3 – It's through the power of God who gives us authority, through Jesus Christ, which gives us the ability to refute every thought that tries to exalt itself above the knowledge of Christ. – when He called us as His disciples, He gave us His authority to conquer and cast out unclean spirits Matt. 10:1

Ephesians 6:13 tells us that we must take up the whole armor of God so that we may be able to within stand in the evil days. – the only way to stand in the evil days is to be FULLY armed in GOD!

** At this point I would like for you to re-read Ephesians 6:13-18, pray and ask for a revelation from the Lord about each article that is within the armor of God. During the conference call I went over every item. However, God is not partial so I have faith, that if you diligently seek Him for your own revelation, He will give it to you.

(Let me know if you wish to receive a breakdown of every article within the armor)

Prayer



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My prayer is that you seek God like more than ever, and that you allow Him to be your armor that covers you from all forces. I pray that you began to grow in the Lord and not allow these seeds to fall to the wayside but all them to be planted and rooted in you!

In Jesus' name, I pray for your increase. Amen.



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