

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, October 18, 2026



sermon: "Walking in the Battle", Part 1 - Ephesians 6:10-18

Big Idea: Spiritual battles are fought and won with spiritual weapons.

I. Rely on God's Power (vv. 10-11)

- A. Paul reminds us here of the importance of relying on God's power and not our own strength when it comes to walking in Christ (v. 10; cf. Eph. 1:19-20; 3:20).
- B. This is especially true in spiritual warfare, where it's critical to keep our footing grounded in the fact that our victory is secured by God's vast power, not by our technique, wisdom, or will (cf. Ex. 14:10-14).

II. Recognize our True Enemy (vv. 11-13)

- A. The real battle lies not in what we see, but what we don't see (cf. 2 Cor. 4:3-6; 1 Pet. 5:8). People who oppose us are not our true enemy, rather it is Satan and the worldly system he promotes that we are to resist.
- B. In reminding us of the essential truth that our battle is not against flesh and blood, Paul is revealing:
 - 1. The nature of our enemy – Paul's emphasis here is Satan and demons, the true influence behind the many worldly systems, traditions, and philosophies that stand against us.
 - 2. The nature of our battle – This is spiritual battle, and we must fight this battle with spiritual weapons.

III. Remember the Weapons of our Warfare (vv. 14-18)

- A. In understanding the weapons of our warfare, it helps to remember that they are rooted in God's power, not our own. This doesn't mean we are to be passive—quite the opposite—but it does mean that we learn to put on:
 - 1. The belt of truth (v. 14; cf. Eph. 4:25; Gen. 3:1-5) – Truth undergirds our walk in Christ. Where truth is compromised, then God's power is blunted in our lives.
 - 2. The breastplate of righteousness (v. 14 cf. Eph. 5:3; 2 Cor. 5:21) – Christ's righteousness saves us, and He calls us to walk in a manner that reflects His character. We must guard our heart by walking in His righteousness.

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