



“The Fight Won”

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We are in a fight; a spiritual fight. This fight has ultimately been won for all time on Easter when Jesus died and was resurrected. However, the enemy continues to attempt to disarm us and get us to forget that we have the ultimate victory in Christ.

“And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet.” Ephesians 6:10-13 (MSG)

1. According to these verses, how do you keep the enemy from disarming you?

2. How should Jesus' victory affect how you battle the enemy?

We can stand firm in the fight on these 3 promises because Jesus won the ultimate fight.

I. Because Jesus won the fight and was resurrected; you can have eternal life.

“You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all.” John 11:25-26 (MSG)

3. What does it mean to you to have resurrected life right now?

4. How does the knowledge that you have eternal life affect how you live?

II. Because Jesus won the fight; you can live empowered by the Holy Spirit.

“I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength! All this energy issues from Christ:

God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule.” Ephesians 1:17-20 (MSG)

5. From these verses, how are you empowered by the Holy Spirit?

6. How do these ‘empowerments’ aid you in your fight with the enemy?

III. Because Jesus won the fight; you will experience your own resurrection one day.

"But the truth is that Christ has been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries. There is a nice symmetry in this: Death initially came by a man, and resurrection from death came by a man. Everybody dies in Adam; everybody comes alive in Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (MSG)

7. What does it mean to you that you will experience resurrection one day?

Family Connect Discussion Starter:

Review with the family what Jesus’ death and resurrection means. Discuss how what Jesus did for us should affect how we live our lives.