

Christian Challenge of Wichita Study Guide
Ephesians 6:10-24
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The Nature of the Battle (v. 10-13)

We see the following truths about the nature of our spiritual battle in this section:

- We fight a real, spiritual war
- We fight right now and in an ongoing way
- We fight in the Lord's strength and by the Lord's power
- We fight with confidence in Christ because of the Gospel
- We fight together

- How often do you acknowledge the reality that Christian faithfulness requires engaging in a spiritual war? How can we hold this reality in a healthy way – not *overemphasizing* it but not *underemphasizing* it?
- How do you think your day-to-day life and ministry might look different if you consistently had a healthy perspective on the reality of spiritual war?
- We are commanded to fight *not by our own strength, but by the Lord's strength*. What might be some clues that we are fighting for faithfulness in our own strength? What might be some ways we could consistently move toward fighting in the Lord's strength?
- In Christ, we are fighting between "D-Day" (His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension) and "VE-Day" (His return to judge the living and the dead and to establish the New Heavens and the New Earth). The war has been decisively won, even though the fighting continues. How should this change the way we think about our daily battle? How can this give us confidence when we stumble?

Our Resources for Battle (v. 14-32)

Paul lists the following God-given resources for battle in this section:

- Truth
- Righteousness
- Readiness
- Faith
- Salvation
- The Holy Spirit
- The Word of God
- Prayer
- Christian Community

- In your daily life, what are some ways you seek to "put on" the armor of God?

- Which of these resources would you say you most consistently utilize in your spiritual battle for faithfulness? What does that look like?
- Which of these resources would you say you could give more attention? What might that look like?
- Are there currently any areas of life where you see the need to “stand firm” against the schemes of the enemy? What would that look like?
- As you look forward to the summer, do you have a plan for staying engaged in the spiritual fight as your routine, your community, or your circumstances change? What is something you might need to think through in advance to make sure you stay in the fight for faithfulness through the summer months?