

MONDAY 06.01.26 - Romans 8:37-39

We are certainly familiar with spiritual warfare. This review has been helpful as it is good to review and review and review. We are surely slow learners. Sometimes we fight best against the enemy by making a plan of defense and then remembering to execute it. We know verses to overcome our temptations. Sometimes we fight best by learning to know our enemy, as Napoleon said, and study the power and wiles of Satan. He follows similar patterns. But sometimes, we fight best by considering the benefits and rewards of achievement over our enemy. Nothing can separate us from our Father.

Today's verses demonstrate clearly that we have no power to "defeat" our enemy, but that Christ does and has already defeated him. Our duty is to follow our commander, live our life in the spirit and obey His every command. Let Him deliver us through all the warfare of this present age.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 06.02.26 - 1 John 4:4

1 John 4:4, You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

To help you look closely at today's scripture let's start by walking backwards for a moment. You are from God. If you have accepted Christ as your Savior, God has taken up residence within you. You are His child. You have become part of the family of God. You are a dear child which means you are dearly loved by God. Being part of the family means that for the first time you now have the power to overcome them, them being Satan and the spiritual powers of darkness that are part of this world. This power comes through Jesus Christ living in you. This should bring you confidence because Christ is far more powerful than any evil Satan can muster. Finally, you have access to this power through prayer, spending time in God's Word and through

seeking to put Him first in all that you do. Never forget, "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 06.03.26 - Psalm 46

Knowing who's in charge matters because we know who's responsible; who holds others accountable; who can address an issue and make it right. In a restaurant, "I want to see the manager!" is an appeal to the person in authority to rectify a problem.

Psalm 46 reminds us that when the world feels out of control—whether nations are raging or creation itself seems unstable—there is One who reigns over it all. One who is in authority. One who can look at a world in chaos and say with complete authority, "Be still."

We saw Jesus do the same with the storm, revealing the very authority of God Himself. The Psalmist reminds us that both nations and nature answer to God.

Sometimes what steadies us most is not a change in our circumstances but remembering who God is. "Be still and know that I am God."

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 06.04.26 - Isaiah 40:31

Today's passage is a familiar one to most Christians. It is often quoted to give hope and encouragement. It is printed on mugs, tee-shirts, and even business cards to give frequent reminders of

our source of strength, the Lord. Why is this verse so special? It tells us that when we put our trust in the Lord, He invigorates us when our own strength fails. We are provided here with three examples of ways the Lord lifts us up; two are earth-bound—running and walking without tiring, but one is in the skies—"soar(ing) on wings like eagles." Eagles are amazing to watch as they effortlessly soar on a sunny day, but even more fascinating in a storm. They fly ever higher, soaring above the threats, not even flapping their wings. That's what the Lord does for us. He lifts us above the crises we face to give us hope, comfort and strength.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 06.05.26 - Psalm 119:11

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. Our focus is verse 114, but I encourage you to read the entire chapter. It reveals that believers can place security in God's promises; highlighting His presence, protection, and His Word.

Verse 114 declares, "*You are my refuge and my shield; Your word is the source of hope.*" (Psalm 46:1 also emphasizes this promise.)

This truth became a reality to me as we traveled the journey of cancer with our son. In the quietness of late nights before Jonathan's many brain surgeries, God's word truly became the source of my strength and hope as I would search for comforting scripture. We also came to realize the assurance of this verse; knowing that even though God wanted Jonathan back, He continues to give us hope through His word... *as only He can give. **He will do the same for you.***

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Beginning June 7th - 9am in Room 2

Ecclesiastes: "Finding Meaning When Life Feel Meaningless"

By Lydia Brownback.

This 10-week study helps women understand the themes of sin, vanity, enjoyment, and death, ultimately encouraging believers to follow the will of God for their lives, no matter their current circumstances.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or use this QR code:



SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

Kids CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level

Youth E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Adults **SUMMER QUARTER** - Sunday Mornings

LOCATION: B8-10 - June 7th - August 30th

EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Joshua; Judges; Ruth

By studying these books, we see that God is still at work, raising leaders from the most unlikely places. We are challenged to reserve our loyalty for our ultimate Leader. Teachers: Joel Day & Lane Kemler

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Youth Group will be on summer break starting June 7th.

Adults LOCATION: Worship Center

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Begins June 3rd at 6:30pm - Room B8-10 - with Barry Wills

"The Power of God's Names" by Tony Evans (6 Sessions)

Get to know the names of God because it is in knowing His character and His capacity that you will rest and discover both peace and power in His covenant care.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

Ephesians 6:16-17 **Spiritual Warfare (part 3)**

How do you stand your ground when you're being tempted to sin? The answer is by appropriating each piece of combat equipment that God has issued to you for spiritual warfare.

1. Buckle up the belt of truth (v 14a)
 - By speaking the truth in love
 - By being a man integrity
 - By being a woman of honesty
2. Strap on the breastplate of righteousness (v 14b)
 - By confessing your sins to God
 - By removing evil behavior from your life
 - By practicing holy living
3. Lace up the boots of readiness (v 15)
 - By sharing the gospel of peace with others
4. _____ the shield of faith (v 16)
 - By believing God's _____
5. _____ the helmet of salvation (v 17a)
 - By remembering these basic truths:
 - You will be like _____
 - You will enjoy endless _____ with Christ
 - You will enjoy complete _____
 - You will enjoy endless _____
6. _____ the sword of the Spirit (v 17b)
 - By _____ the Word of God
 - By _____ the Word of God

Appropriate the whole armor of God so that you can stand against Satan—and not become a spiritual casualty.

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



June 1 – June 5

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Sunday, May 24th, the message will be from Ephesians 6:16-17, "Spiritual Warfare" (Part 3). Sunday, June 7th, we will hear a message from Psalm 46, "Help in Troubling Times".

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power
Ephesians 6:10