

# Spiritual Warfare – Part II – Ephesian 6:10-20

## Message Discussion Guide

### Connect

- We are talking about spiritual warfare today, what do you think are Satan’s most effective weapons/schemes?

### Discover

- Which statement or experience stood out to you from the worship service?
- Read Ephesians 6:10-13.
  - When it says the devil has schemes, that means he has an organized and personal attack plan. In what ways have you seen that to be true in your life?
  - We are warned that our struggle is not with flesh and blood but against evil spiritual forces. What are some ways we get this confused in our daily lives? How would things be different if we could remember and embrace that people around us are not our enemies or our problems?
- Read Ephesians 6:18-20.
  - Paul, the writer, gives several instructions for how to pray in this passage. What are those instructions?
  - How important did Paul believe it was that the people in the church of Ephesus pray for him? How critical were their prayers for his success?
  - How and why do we sometimes fight spiritual battles without this strong focus on prayer?
- Read 2 Kings 6:13-17.
  - Why was the servant fearful in verse 15? How are we often fearful for the same reasons?
  - What did Elisha mean in verse 16? How does that apply to our situations and bring us encouragement?
  - We can’t know exactly what spiritual forces are arrayed around us, but verse 17 sparks our imagination. How do you imagine the spiritual forces are arrayed around you?
- Read Exodus 17:8-13.
  - Who had the most important role, Joshua or Moses? Why?
  - What would have been the outcome of the battle without Moses’ prayer?
  - What do we learn from Aaron and Hur helping to hold up Moses’ hands?

### Respond

- How can knowing who we are in Christ (putting on the armor of God) help us when difficult times of temptation, depression, or failure come our way?
- If some problems can be solved only by sustained prayer, how can you be more faithful to pray in the days to come?

### Bonus for Thinkers

- What does Paul mean in Ephesians 6:18 when he says to “Pray at all times in the Spirit...”

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## First Baptist Nacogdoches Bible Reading Plan

Day	Scripture
Monday (1/6)	Eph. 6:10-20, Exodus 17:10-13
Tuesday (1/7)	Philippians 1
Wednesday (1/8)	Philippians 2
Thursday (1/9)	Philippians 3
Friday (1/10)	Philippians 4

# Daily Devotion Questions

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## Monday (1/6) — Ephesians 6:10-20, Exodus 17:10-13

- Review the “Respond” questions on the reverse side of this devotion guide.

## Tuesday (1/7) — Philippians 1

- Paul said that he who began a good work in you will complete it. What is the good work that the Lord has begun in you? What are some evidences in your life that God is still working on you in this?
- How did Paul respond to those who were trying to cause him harm? He rejoiced. The last time someone tried to hurt you, how did you respond? Could you have responded in a more God-honoring way?
- Paul didn’t know what his life would hold in the coming days or months, but he knew that either way he would honor Christ. How can you honor Christ today?
- Paul says it is far better to depart (die) and be with Christ. Why do you think that is true?

## Wednesday (1/8) — Philippians 2

- The instructions to do nothing out of selfish ambition, count others more significant than yourself, and look-out first for the interest of others are some of the hardest instructions to keep. What are a couple specific ways you could do this today?
- Paul commends the Philippians that their obedience was good not only while he was with them, but even after he had gone. Obedience when no one is watching is a test of our integrity. What are some areas of your life where you are tempted to be less-than obedient when no one is watching?
- Paul bragged on Timothy as being someone who had been such a personal blessing to him. Who would you brag on as being a personal blessing to you and your walk and service? How can you be a continual personal and spiritual blessing to someone you know?
- In Philippians 2:29 we are commanded to show honor to men and women like Epaphroditus who sacrifice greatly for the work of the Lord. Who do you know who is an Epaphroditus? How can you honor him or her this week?

## Thursday (1/9) — Philippians 3

- The instruction is to “rejoice in the Lord.” The implication is that we can experience joy regardless of our circumstances because joy is based on who we are in Christ not what is going on in life. What are some specific things you can do today to rejoice in the Lord?
- Paul had many great accomplishments in his service of Christ, but he said he put those behind him and is pressing on to know and serve God more. Are you resting on past achievements or are you pressing on? How are you striving to know and serve Him more?
- Paul tells his readers to imitate him. Wow! Paul’s walk with the Lord was so bold, he could instruct people to just imitate him. Could you do this? What areas of your life would you not want people to imitate? Ask God what his will is for you in these areas.

## Friday (1/10) — Philippians 4

- What verse in this chapter most stood out to you? What lesson has the Lord taught you in your Bible reading today?
- In Philippians 4:8 we are told what kinds of things we are to focus on or think on. Think about what captures your attention. Think about what you watch on television, what you look at on the internet, what music you listen to. What are you focusing on each day that violates this instruction?
- Philippians 4:13 is one of the most misused verses in Scripture. See if you can figure out in verses 10-12 what the “all things” were that Paul said God would give him strength to do. How is this a comfort when we go through difficult times?
- In Philippians 4:14-18, Paul commends the Philippian believers for helping him minister in places and in ways they could never minister. Is there a missionary, minister, church or ministry that would say the same thing about me and you? How could we be a blessing to someone ministering in places or in ways we will never minister?