

The Unseen War

Be Ready to "Fight for Your Life"

Your Spirit is Your Life. We must fight for our Spirit and Protect it. The enemy knows that if he can capture your spirit he has captured your life...your eternal life. We must be prepared for war, know our enemy and remind him that he is defeated

Read James 1:2-18

Training / Preparation

Pre-work/training – there is a lot of preparation that is required before the flight. It requires focus, determination, resilience, don't give up, don't quit, do not give in.

- We are measured not by how well prepared we are or how we perform in the good times or rather we are measured on how we perform in our character during adversity and bad times.
- We need to be fit for the fight and be ready and be prepared doing to good and bad times
- Anybody unchallenged can look powerful.

The Fight

Use your mouthpiece

Speak it – before the fight begins you must face your competition face to face. We need to speak to the mountain we need to speak to the situation we need to speak to the fight.

Round 1 - get ready. (Ephesians 6:10-20)

You trained hard for this. Put on your armor and get ready for the fight. Do you want to initiate the first punch or do you want to. Defend the fight.

We are at war! Darts are flying through the air, the battle that we cannot see is happening all around us. Its called the unseen War for our Spirit. This spiritual battle goes on every day and we need to be prepared for battle.

- Colossians 2:20-21
- Read Colossians 3:1-10

THE COUNTER ATTACK

We have to be prepared to fight back

- Every struggle and conflict that we face in the physical realm has its root in the spiritual realm.
- **God has given us spiritual power to Fight back**. If you don't take it by force and you won't take it at all.
- The Bible says that "the kingdom suffering violence and the violent take it by force"
- Sometimes we must push the devil back **by force** to protect our stuff

- God gave Adam dominion over the garden to rule over it. **We need to be the ruler of our households and keep the enemy out of our homes, away from our children and out of our destiny.**
- The devil will try to destroy or disrupt your destiny but you must remind him that he is defeated and the battle is already won in Jesus name.
- Pray the blood of Jesus over you household, your family, your friends, your church, your pastor, our government

Jesus faces Satan in the wilderness

Matthew 4:4

- "It is written" - We are to live, be upheld and sustained **by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God**
- Jesus was tempted before beginning his ministry
- Satan will try to tempt you before you enter into your ministry or your calling. He thinks that he can stop you but our God's will for your life cannot be broken.
- Hebrews

After the Fight

Victory

The reward is not won until the fight is over. The battle is not won of the fight is over. The reward is not given until the journey is complete

- You can have faith within the four walls of the church but the real test is having faith beyond the four walls of the church.
- I will remain at the spot stuck until I bring someone on this journey with me
- You can't fight the fight alone. God will send someone (a helper) to help you when you're in the fight.
- Sometimes we let pride get in the way and it will prevent us from winning the fight but rather will keep us stuck on our Journey to win the fight
- **Satan is fighting you because he is afraid of what you are going to become.**
- *How do I measure up? Did I do well? Did I WIN?*
 - Sometimes **our greatest fear is failure**
 - Sometimes **our greatest pain is regret.**
- Have you ever failed? If you answered yes, cheer up! You're in good company.
 - **Failure is an event, never a person.**
 - Don't internalize a failure until it starts to ferment into regret.
 - Own it. Learn from it. Pain can be a great teacher.
- Samson betrayed his vows...and his Lord. He let his pride and his selfish desires derail him again and again, until finally, he lost everything. But even then, God still wasn't done with him: *"...but the hair on his head began to grow again..."*
- **Just because you're down doesn't mean you're out.** Not by a long shot. Even in our failures, God can still accomplish his purpose. It's through our weaknesses that he shows himself strong.
- Want different results?
 - You're going to have to **do something different.** In the end of Samson's story, as you'll see, he finally used his strength for God's purposes instead of his own.

- If you're a Christian, **you have resurrection power within you**. Tap into it.
- Don't try just to "be a stronger man."
 - Satan loves making strong men weak.
 - God loves making weak men strong.
- Don't try just to "be a better man." **Be God's man/woman**. Stop trying to tell your story. Start telling his.
- It's not about you. It's about him.
- **Push those pillars down**. Die to yourself so you can live for him.
- Life is full of struggles, difficulties, and problems. Some are bigger than others. But whether the Christian's trials in life are of the garden variety, or more along the lines of major tragedy, there is but one thing that will overcome them—faith in God.
- Satan seeks to destroy us with our trials, while **God seeks to develop us with them**.
- **Ephesians 4:27** - "Give no opportunity to the devil"
 - He has no dominion over your family, your household, your job
 - We cannot allow the devil to think that he has the opportunity by getting into worry, unforgiveness and criticism
- As Satan begins to challenge you, resist him steadfast (unwavering) in the faith. In (James 1:4) we know that the testing of our faith produces steadfastness.
 - Let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing
- Put on the **full armor of God** (Pastor Paul spoke about this last Wednesday)
 - Remind Satan that he is overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of our testimony
 - **The blood has power**
 - Jesus used the Word was used to defeat Satan in the wilderness. We must use scripture to defeat the enemy.
 - **Let your testimony bring forth breakthrough and transformation** in the lives of others who are going through trials and conflict.
- **Spiritual warfare takes place in prayer**
 - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 "we walk in the flesh we are not waging war according to the flesh" the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have POWER to destroy strongholds".
 - This power doesn't just take down strongholds it destroys them!
 - Strongholds from Satan the god of this world and all his demonic forces
 - Prayer must be the foundation of every Christian!
- Satan is a defeated foe because Jesus conquered him
 - Colossians 2:14-15
 - Revelation 12:10-11
- Fight the good fight of faith
 - 1 Timothy 6:12 fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
- Withstand the adversary and **be firm in faith**
 - 1 Peter 5:6-9 humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you casting all anxieties on him, because he cares for you
 - Be sober-minded be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour
 - **Resist him, firm in your faith**, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world
- Speak God's Word **boldly** and **courageously** Hebrews 12:1-2 (Run the race that is set before you)

Fight for your faith, **fight** for your family, **fight** for your life