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**Experience a spiritual battle**

**Monday**

Read Galatians 5:1, 2 Corinthians 10;3-6, Romans 12:21

* *We must identify the correct spiritual enemy. Make sure you aren’t fighting for control or against people or situations or addictions or habits or poor self image. Instead your enemies are anger, discouragement, fear and worry, condemnation, striving and unbelief.*

**Tuesday**

Read 2 Chronicles 20:15, Exodus 14:14, Exodus 17:9,

* *The battle is the Lord’s! This means it is God’s agenda to beat what is beating you. God has declared war on the enemy you identified on Monday.*

**Wednesday**

Read Joshua 5:13-15, Romans 8:13-14

* *We have got to let God lead our spiritual campaigns. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you can beat your spiritual enemy.*

**Thursday**

Read 2 Timothy 2:24, 1 Samuel 17:45, Romans 1:16, Acts 16:25-27, Hebrews 9:14,

* *From these scriptures list out your powerful spiritual weapons. Write down your strategy for using these weapons to fight your spiritual enemy.*

**Friday**

Read John 8:32, Galatians 4:1-2, Ephesians 4:13

* *Your quickest path to winning your spiritual battle is to grow spiritually. You need to stay spiritually fed, submit to the spiritual training God is subjecting you to, and fight the good fight of faith.*

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Why do we honor and remember those who died while serving our country in the armed forces?

Why do we have an army, navy, the marines, air force, and a coast guard?

Because it takes the armed forces to maintain freedom.

If you don’t fight for freedom, you won’t have freedom.

Galatians 5:1It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

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5 things you need to know about fighting spiritual, mental and life battles for yourself and for others

**1. We must identify the correct enemy**

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

We don’t fight people who make us mad, we fight the anger within us through God’s love.

We don’t fight the situation that makes us discouraged, we fight discouragement with the courage God gives us and God confidence.

We don’t fight to control our environment because we worry, we fight fear itself by trusting our loving God.

We don’t attack our addiction head on, we attack the condemnation associated with our addition through the grace of God.

Don’t fight your compulsive habits, fight our own striving with peaceful rest in Jesus.

Don’t fight your insecurities and self doubt, fight to understand and believe your unshakable identity found in Christ.

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Make sure you aren’t fighting for control or people or situations or addictions or habits or poor self image.

**Your enemies are your own anger, discouragement, fear and worry, condemnation, striving and unbelief.**

Once you know the enemy you are to fight, you can repent and repentance is one of the most powerful spiritual weapon.

**2. This is not your battle, it is the Lord’s battle**

2 Chronicles 20:15 He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.

1 Samuel 25:28

… because you fight the Lord’s battles.…

This means it is God’s agenda to beat what is beating you

It is God’s agenda to beat that which is beating those you love

It means you aren’t leading the charge in the fights of your life, God is declaring war on your enemies. He is going to rain down terror on them.

Exodus 14:14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

BUT…we must be willing to fight with Him!

Exodus 17:9 Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”

**3. We must let God lead us in our spiritual campaigns**

Joshua 5:13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

14 “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

15 The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.  14 For those who are led (or allow themselves to be lead) by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into victorious battle over your spiritual enemies.

**4. Know your weapons**

**Repentance**

2 Timothy 2:24 in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, [26](http://biblehub.com/2_timothy/2-26.htm) and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

**The name of Jesus**

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

1 Samuel 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

**Word of God**

Romans 1:16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes

Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Worship**

2 Chronicles 20:22 As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Psalm 22:3 And you are holy, you who inhabit the praises of Israel.

Acts 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open,

**The blood of Jesus**

Romans 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

Colossians 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Revelation 12:11 They triumphed over him

    by the blood of the Lamb

    and by the word of their testimony;

**5. The best way to fight is to grow spiritually**

John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Galatians 4:1 What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. 2 The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

Ephesians 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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