

Session #13 Take Your Stand February 2, 2022 Ephesians 6: 10-20 (selected)

Spiritual Warfare: Where it came from (Rev. 12:7-9)

- —Where does it begin? Heaven
- —Archangel means: Chief Angel and Michael means "Who is Like God?"
- —The real fight is about: *who you trust*.
- —The Garden of Eden shows the primary battlefield is *your heart*.
- —The basic question is "who will you be *loyal* to?

Spiritual Warfare: What we're up against (Luke 4)

- —same scheme: the World, the Flesh, the Devil
- —same goal: disloyalty
- —the conflict is *beyond* our *capabilities*, *period*.
- —Jesus relies on the Spirit and God's Word, not himself

(John 10:10) The Devil's strategy:, *STEAL*, *KILL*, *DESTROY* (John 10:10) Jesus' strategy: "that they may have *LIFE*...to the *FULL*

Spiritual Warfare: What we can do about it (Ephesians 6:10-20)

- 1) Step into Power (v10)
- —Rely on the *the Spirit* and *God's Word*.
- 2) Step away from the Enemy (v12)
- —the enemy is never *who you're looking at*.
- —who is behind it: *The Devil*

- 3) Step into God's Protection (vv13-17)
- —the world tells you: you're on your own; it's all on you
- —Scripture tells you: *The angel of the Lord…delivers you* (Psalm 34:7) and *The battle is* **not** *yours but* **God's.** (2 Chronicles 20:15

A working definition of Spiritual Warfare: Spiritual Warfare is the *leveraging* of everything that God *promises* against everything that *opposes* God's *purposes*.

Questions for reflection:

- 1) What has been your experience of Spiritual Warfare?
- 2) How does the working definition given help you see it differently?
- 3) Are you facing a "battle" in your life right now that may have a previously unseen spiritual root?
- 4) How might you tie in our spiritual gifts and spiritual disciplines as resources in your spiritual battles?