

SPIRITUAL WARFARE -2

AUGUST 16, 2026

REVIEW: This world is a battlefield. There are enemies that want to destroy us – the devil, world and flesh. All are overcome by faith.

CONTINUE: EPH. 6:

V 10 - We are no match for Satan's power. **V 11** - God's armor equips us to stand against Satan's schemes. **V 12** - Outlines Satan's forces. **V 13** - Done is overcome. **V 14a**- Belt of Truth is at the core of all we do, say, and believe. It's our anchor that holds our armor in place. **V 14b**- Breastplate of Righteousness protects our vital organs from guilt, condemnation, inferiority, and sin consciousness. **V 15** - In combat, the feet affect balance, movement and power. Our message is one of peace with God. **V 16** - Our faith is our protective barrier between us and Satan's schemes. His fiery darts are extinguished by our faith. **V 17a**- Helmet of Salvation, protects the brain from wrong thinking, deception, and emotional hurt. To be effective, the mind must be renewed, reject all doubt, keep an eternal perspective, remember the victory is already won, **IS.26:3**. **V 17b**- Sword of the Spirit: The Word inspired by the Spirit. **HEB.4:12**.

JESUS RESISTS SATAN: MT. 4:1

The desert was seen as outside the bounds of society and as the home of demons. It's where the scapegoat was sent to bear the sins of the Jews on the day of atonement, Azazel. Satan offered Jesus everything in a place where He had nothing. Jesus resisted Satan with the Word. **GEN. 3:1** – Adam and Eve had everything – position, power, provisions, protection and were crowned with glory. Instead of resisting Satan with the Word, Eve acted on the lie.

THE FIGHT OF FAITH: I TIM. 6:12

The fight of faith is a fight with words. Jesus said what God said, Eve acted on what Satan said. Adam acted on what Eve said.

CAIN AND ABEL: HEB. 11:4

Satan appeals to our emotions to influence our conduct and behavior. If we don't resist his thoughts, he will ruin our lives. **GEN: 4:5-11** – Cain felt rejection, anger, jealousy, emotional hurt and depression. Instead of resisting Satan, he developed a victim's mentality and allowed his runaway emotions to influence him to commit murder.

DEALING WITH EMOTIONAL HURT:

1. THE WRONG WAY:

A – Ignore it **PS 39:1-3**, Hope it goes away. **B** – Run from it **PS. 55:6-8**, People turn to drugs, sex, food, shopping. **C** – Hide it **PR. 14:13 NLT**, Hiding pain can prevent true healing. **D** – Worry over it **PHIL. 4:6**, An attempt to control the uncontrollable. **E** – Become bitter **HEB. 12:15**, Bitterness hurts us more than the offender.

2. THE PROPER WAY:

A - Know God has made provisions for it, **PS. 147:3**. **B** – Release our emotional hurts to God, **MT 11:28-30**. **C** – Embrace God's Love, **JOHN 16:27**. **D** – Forgive, **EPH. 4:31-32**. **E** – Stop feeding on Satan's lies of insecurity, **I COR. 10:3-5**. **F** – Speak to the emotional pain and call yourself free, **MK 11:23**.

CONCLUSION:

We can't cast Satan out of society, but we can resist him with the Word and protect ourselves from his schemes. Jesus did so in all three dimensions of temptations and so can we.

CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ❖ **VICTORY CLASS** – Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Café Room, Ed Braddock is the leader, and all are welcome.
- ❖ **AUGUST 16th – TODAY IS MISSIONARY SUNDAY** – 2nd Collection will be for Missions.
- ❖ **AUGUST 17th, 24th & 31st – PICKLEBALL (16+)** 6–8 p.m. in our gym, join us for an evening of good fellowship, fun and great exercise.
- ❖ **AUGUST 19th – FOOD PANTRY** – 4:30 –6:00 P.M. in the gym.
- ❖ **AUGUST 22nd – HOMELESS PITTSBURGH MISSIONS** – meet at the church at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ **AUGUST 23rd – BRIDGES FOR LIFE PRAYER FOR CHURCH & MISSIONS** meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **AUGUST 28TH – HEALING CLASS** – 9:30 a.m. – Pastor Bill teaches this class, and they meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **WATER BAPTISM** – If you are interested in following the footsteps of Jesus and want to be Water Baptized, please sign the sheet in the Narthex – Date of Baptism to be determined.
- ❖ **DONUT PICK UP:** We are looking for a volunteer to pick up donuts every Sunday morning from Walmart for our Coffee & Donuts on Sunday's. Please see Chuck Cirelli if you are available to do this. Thank You...
- ❖ **BUSINESS FLYER:** We are putting together a flyer with names and businesses from our church! Such as: Home Health Care, Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber, Financial Advisor, House Cleaner, Odd Jobs Etc. – If you are interested in being on this flyer, please submit your name and what you do and place it in the offering bucket.
- ❖ **URGENT NEED:** Monetary Donations needed for an 9-year-old girl, Amalia, from Peru who needs to go to Italy for Leukemia treatments. Please contact Maylin Escalona for more information on how to donate.