

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

AUGUST 9, 2026

INTRO:

The world we live in is a battlefield, not a playground. Spiritual war is all around us. Angels vs Demons, Good vs Evil, and Light vs Darkness. If we are unaware of this conflict, the enemy will have an advantage over us.

IDENTIFYING THE ENEMY:

- The Devil and his kingdom – **EPH. 6:12-14a**
- The World – **1 JOHN 2:15-17**
- The Flesh – **GAL. 5:16-17**

OVERCOMING BY FAITH:

- The Devil – **1 PET. 5:8-9 NASB, JAMES 4:7**
- The World – **1 JOHN 5:4-5**
- The Flesh – **2 COR. 5:7** – walking in the Spirit is by faith.

THE DEMONIC:

- **COL. 1:13** – We are no longer under the jurisdiction of the kingdom of darkness. He can't control us unless we allow it.
- **2 COR. 10:3-5** – Our warfare involves thoughts, imaginations, and satanic strongholds. Satan uses lies and deception to control people. **ACTS 5:1-5** - Ananias should've resisted the thoughts that led to his death. Just as Eve should have.
- **MT. 4:1-11** – Jesus resisted the devil with the Word. He didn't cast him out. Our words can activate angels!

KINDS OF SPIRITS:

- Unclean, familiar, divination, lying, deceiving, infirmity, Jezebel, seducing, fear, heaviness.
 1. The Spirit of Heaviness, despair, discouragement -
 - a. **IS. 61:1-3** – The garment of praise: is not standard equipment, it must be put on intentionally, is not based on feelings, is something we develop in, it overcomes heaviness by ushering in God's presence and Glory.
 2. The Spirit of Fear – **2 TIM. 1:7**
 - Power – **LUKE 10:19**
 - Love – **1 JOHN 4:18**
 - Sound (well disciplined) Mind – **IS. 26:3**
 3. A Religious Spirit is the most difficult spirit to deal with.
 - **LUKE 13: 11-17 NKJV** Jesus rebuked these leaders who honored God with their lips while their hearts were far from Him.
 - **MT. 23** – Jesus called these leaders hypocrites, snakes, blind guides and fools.

CONCLUSION:

This world is a battlefield, not a playground. There are enemies to our faith that want to destroy us and impede our spiritual progress. God has provided for us the means by which we can overcome the devil, world and flesh with our faith. It's time to take our faith to a higher level.

CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ❖ **AUGUST 10th, 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 14th – CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** will be at the Ohioville Borough Building, 6268 Tuscarawas Road, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to hand out Farmer's Market Produce Vouchers. You must be aged 60 or older and a resident of Beaver County. Please bring a photo ID with you.
- ❖ **AUGUST 15TH – WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER MEETING** 10:00 am. No breakfast, just coffee and tea. Sign up in the Narthex.
- ❖ **AUGUST 16th – MISSIONARY SUNDAY** – 2nd Collection will be for Missions.
- ❖ **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 8-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.