

Know Your Strategy (“Battle Plan” week #3)

MAIN POINT:

You are involved in an invisible war but you can see a victory!

KEY VERSE:

Ephesians 6:10-18

BRING IT UP:

On Sunday, Pastor Nick concluded our Battle Plan series by talking about knowing your strategy when it comes to your never-ending battle with evil. So far this series, we have talked about knowing our enemy (who he is and what his plan is) and knowing our position in Christ (we aren’t fighting for victory but from it). It is our prayer that you have engaged with your own battle plan when it comes to evil and are confident in the foundation and assured victory you have through Christ that you have as a believer. On Sunday, we talked about our specific strategy in fighting Satan which is standing your ground (equipping the armor of God), launch the attack (hide God’s Word in your heart) and bend your knees (desperately focus on God). Through this strategy, we can win the invisible war for our soul through the power of Christ!

- What was your biggest takeaway from the message Sunday?

TALK IT OVER:

This whole series has been about combatting Satan in his relentless attacks against the world...especially those who follow Christ. Brining this unseen war to light allows us to know the extent of who we are up against as well as developing a strategy or game plan to assist us in this unseen war.

- How aware would you say you were of the unseen world before this series?
- How has this series shed some light on it for you?

In the last week of this series, we studied Ephesians 6:10-18 which seemingly sums up the unseen war that we are a part of. This passage contains a description of the war and enemy as well as our chief strategy, as believers, that we can use to experience the guaranteed victory through Christ!

[Read Ephesians 6:10-18]

- In what way does verse 12 speak to the unique challenges of our specific war?
- What is Paul’s encouragement for us to do in response to the evil one’s attacks?

THINK IT THROUGH:

Stand your ground

- As you look throughout the different parts of the armor of God, which ones are the hardest for you to equip? Which ones come most naturally?

If you're not dressed for battle, get ready for defeat!

Launch the attack

- In what way are you going to hide God's Word in your heart this week?
- In what way does the Bible speak to areas that you may be struggling with? How are you going to live in that truth?

Bend your knees

- What would it look like if you prayed like a dog concentrates on food?

WORK IT OUT:

These past 3 weeks have been vitally important for our spiritual lives. When you accept Christ as your Lord and Savior, life doesn't get easier...if anything, it gets harder...much harder. However, we have learned that, through Christ, we have guaranteed victory! That doesn't mean that we can coast through life. Instead, we need to be equipped for battle and have our battle plan ready! As you conclude your group time, pray for everyone that we all would trust in the Lord during the battles we all face and fight Satan with the truth that is stored up in our hearts from the Word of God!