

“Spiritual Weapons”

1) Taking Jesus’ Authority for Ourselves

- o We plead for Jesus’ help – so why do attacks keep coming?

- o Similar to maturity – we have to grow up

- o All authority is **derived** authority!
 - John 14:10

 - Matthew 10:1

 - Matthew 28:18-19a

- o Don’t beg. Take authority and declare victory!

2) Spiritual Armor

- o Psalm 18:34-35, 39

- o 2 Cor. 10:1-5 – They saw Paul’s gentleness as weakness and timidity. But he knew he was using a better weapon!

“Victory Over Life’s Everyday Battles”

- o Ephesians 6:10f
 - Most commonly quoted passage re: SW

 - Tells us we can stand – before, during and after the battle

 - How do you put on this armor?
 - * Believe it

 - * Pray it

 - * Live it

- o Worship is a weapon!
 - 2 Chron. 20

This is what the Lord says: *“Do not be afraid! Don’t be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.”*

After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang:

“Give thanks to the Lord; his faithful love endures forever!”

At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves.

2 Chron. 20:15, 21-22

3) James 4:7-8 - The Devil Sandwich

- o When attacked, there are numerous ways to respond – just like facing a bully

- o Understanding the background
 - We fight to control rather than humble ourselves and pray

 - * One effect of The Fall

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- :6 – only time we're told God opposes an attitude or person
- God gives us a different life pattern and a great prayer pattern
- **“SUBMIT TO GOD”**
 - Psalm 18:16-19
 - When we fall, stumble or mess up, what is our typical reaction?
 - * *“Idiot!”* *“You ALWAYS blow it!”*
 - * *“Loser!”* *“You will NEVER get it right!”*
 - * That's not how God speaks to us. But WHO Does? WHO is our accuser? WHOM will we agree with?
- **“RESIST THE DEVIL”**
 - * Flee temptation and resist the devil, not vice-versa
- **“DRAW NEAR TO GOD”**
 - * A time of intimacy
- **Memorize Scriptures** that counteract your greatest struggles and pray the opposites
 - * Essential – have a plan **before** the attack comes!
 - * Overlearn them!

*“So often spiritual warfare is a matter of agreement with God and what He says. And it **is** a battle as it's not easy to believe something that is different from our feelings, emotions or experience.”*

Examples:

- * Fear 2 Tim. 1:7
- * Anger Eph. 4:26
- * Physical pain/sensations 1 Cor. 6.19-20
- * Gossip, slander, etc. Psalm 141:3
- * Abandonment, rejection Psalm 139:13-16
- * Despair, discouragement Psalm 27:13-14 (NASB)
- * Accusation Psalm 18:43
- * Destructive behavior – addictions – self-mutilation/harm – suicidal thoughts
1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Cor. 6.19-20