***Spiritual Warfare***

I have **5** things I want you to know before you leave today.

1. You and your family are being attacked
2. In Christ, as His body, you have the power/authority to cast out demons
3. Be Obedient out of love not legalism
4. Be prepared and have a Strategy
5. Stand Fight and make war

***1 – You are being attacked***

**1 Peter 5:8 NKJV** **8**Be [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+5%3A8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30474a)]sober, be [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+5%3A8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30474b)]vigilant; [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+5%3A8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30474c)]because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**Ephesians 6:10-13 NKJV** **10**Finally, my brethren, be **strong in the Lord** and in the power of His might. **11**Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ephesians+6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29349b)]wiles of the devil. **12**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ephesians+6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29350c)]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*

Know your enemies

 the devil

 principalities – demonic entities over given regions of the world Dan. 10:13

 powers – demonic forces that keep people in bondage Luke 13

 rulers of the darkness of this world – demonic forces that oversee the leaders in any given society

 spiritual wickedness in heavenly places – arena of mysticism

**13**Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Note: Its way easier for the devil to win if he catches a soldier all alone.

***2 - Jesus cast out demons, the disciples casted out demons, and you can cast out demons.***

\*The bible has it recorded 7 times when Jesus cast out a demon

Matthew 8 - Jesus said Go and they went into the pigs.

Luke 8 He casted out 7 demons out of Mary

Luke 4:41, Mark 1:34 NKJV **34**Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

**Phillip casts out demons and preaches the** **Gospel** Acts 8:7-8 NKJV  **7**For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. **8**And there was great joy in that city.

**Mark 16** says one of the signs is Casting out demons.

**Acts 19**

***3 – Be Obedient out of love not law***

**Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV** **21**“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22**Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ **23**And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

***4 - Strategy***

1 John 4:1 NKJV **4**Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Luke 4 imitate Jesus in how He defeated the enemy. Resist and speak truth

Acts 19 make room for the Word. Stop filling our soul with junk

Matthew 12:43-45 NKJV - Unclean spirit returns with 7 of his buddies

***5 – Stand, Fight, Make War***

Matthew 16 – Jesus tells peter to ‘get behind him satan’. Have some backbone and realize we don’t fight each other but spirits

Luke 4:33-36 NKJV – Fight Like Jesus did with the Word

James 4:7-8 NKJV **7**Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **8**Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.