

A NEWSTORY CHURCH SERIES

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



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pt 1: Introduction

Icebreaker: Share what kind of thoughts and emotions are stirred in you whenever you hear the term “Spiritual Warfare.”

1. DEFINITION of Spiritual Warfare:

“Spiritual warfare is the ongoing battle between the church and the devil and his forces, with the church standing in the armor of God, defensively resisting the devil, and offensively proclaiming the gospel in a battle already won.” (William F. Cook III & Chuck Lawless, *Spiritual Warfare in the Storyline of Scripture*)

- How would you personally define “spiritual warfare?” How does this compare to the definition above?
- How do *Ephesians 6:12* and *1 Peter 5:8* shape your understanding of spiritual warfare?

2. REALIZATION of Spiritual Warfare:

- Share an experience where you felt the reality of spiritual warfare.
- How does *2 Corinthians 10:3-4* help you understand the nature of our battles?
- Pastor Tom shared a true story of a battleship (*S.S. United States*) turned cruise ship. How might that story serve as a mirror to the mentality/culture of today’s Christian/Church?

3. POSITION in Spiritual Warfare:

- Spend some time reading aloud the following passages and discuss their shared meaning: *Psalms 27:1; Isaiah 54:17; Luke 10:19; John 16:33; Romans 8:37; 2 Corinthians 2:14; Revelation 12:11*.
- What does it mean to fight *FROM* a place of victory rather than *FOR* victory? How does this change your perspective on daily struggles and all things spiritual warfare related? Also describe how the baptism picture below is an example of spiritual warfare and an application of the *From/For* dynamic.

4. How can you become more aware of the spiritual realities around you, similar to Elisha’s servant in *2 Kings 6:15-17*? How might *Colossians 3:2* add to this increased awareness and spiritual mindfulness?

5. How will you live differently based on what you learned from this past week’s sermon and this discussion?

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:57

