

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE 101

## Session One - Introduction



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*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12)*



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### ii) Individuals and Strongholds

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### iii) Family Attacks

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iv) Church Attacks

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v) Cities

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vi) Nations

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vii) The Lost

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### 2) Peace Corp Tutorial - Encountering an Anaconda on the Amazon

- a) When you encounter an anaconda, **do not be afraid!**
- b) Do not try to fight it hand-to-snake it is stronger than you.
- c) Do not try to run, it is faster than you.

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- d) Lay on the ground, hands to your side, feet together.
- e) The anaconda will crawl over you in an attempt to determine how to swallow you. **Do not be afraid!** This may take a while, be patient!
- f) He will determine that it is best to swallow you starting at the feet.
- g) Allow him to swallow you up to the hip level. Now you have him!
- h) Reach into your pocket and take your knife. Be sure you have a knife!
- i) Slip the point of the knife under his upper lip, sharp edge towards you and then forcefully run the knife up through his head and then pull forcefully toward you!

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### 3) Biblical Basis for Spiritual Warfare Part One

*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 wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:10-12, NKJV)*

- a) A Word of Encouragement - Verse 10
  - i) Our Resolve - Verse 10a
  - ii) Our Response - Verse 10b
- b) A Word of Enlightenment - Verse 12
  - i) The Arena
    - (1) This is not an ordinary battle - Verse 12a
    - (2) This is now an occult battle - Verse 12b-e
- c) Conquering Deputies (Powers) - Verse 12c
- d) Capable Deceivers (Rulers of Darkness) - Verse 12d
- e) Countless Demons (Wicked Spirits) - Verse 12e

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### 4) Biblical Basis for Spiritual Warfare Part Two

#### a) The War Has Purpose

*7...of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. 13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.*

**(Ephesians 3:7-13, NKJV)**

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#### b) The War is Pictured

##### i) Thunder and Lightening

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*1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. 3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. (Revelation 8:1-5, NKJV)*

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### ii) Smoke Out of His Nostrils and Fire Out of His Mouth

*7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. 8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. (Psalms 18:7-8, NKJV)*

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### c) The War is Positional

*3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. (2 Corinthians 10:3, NKJV)*

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### d) The War Has Provisions

*4 For the weapons of our warfare are not [a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, (2 Corinthians 10:4, NKJV)*

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### e) The Weapons Have Power

*5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

- i) Casting Down Strongholds
  - ii) Casting Down Imagination
  - iii) Casting Down Every High Thought
  - iv) Capturing Every Contrary Thought
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## THE SIGNIFICANT AND ESSENTIAL ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE COSMIC BATTLE

Gregory Boyd - God At War

People are still obviously being demonized; all people still get sick and die; storms still rage and destroy lives; famines are yet prevalent and starve thousands daily. But Jesus' ministry,

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and especially His death and resurrection, in principle tied up “the strong man” and established the Kingdom of God and the restoration of a new humanity in the midst of this war zone. In doing this, Jesus set in motion forces that will eventually overthrow the whole of this already fatally damaged Satanic assault upon God’s earth and upon humanity.

But a war is not finished, a conflict does not cease with the striking of the decisive blow. The enemy remains with the scattered remnants of his army, and in pockets here and there a strong resistance may continue. That is the position of the church.

Yet some battles must still be fought before this ultimate victory is fully manifested. Hence Jesus did not just carry out His warfare ministry; He commissioned, equipped and empowered His disciples, and the whole of the later church, to do the same.

Jesus thus gives to all who will in faith receive it His authority to break down the gates of hell and take back for the Father what the enemy has stolen, just as He Himself had done. (Matthew 16:18) Now that the strong man has been bound, it is a task we can and must successfully carry out. In doing all this, we the church are further expanding the kingdom of God against the kingdom of Satan, and laying the basis for the Lord’s return when the full manifestation of Christ’s victory, and of Satan’s defeat, will occur.

We are called to revolt!

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## THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

### 1) Two Sides of Authority

- a) Definition: Author - the maker of anything, creator (Random House Dictionary)



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### 3) Problem Solved

- a) **24** *Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. (1 Corinthians 15:24, NKJV)*
- b) Personal Encounter with God
- c) Do as Unto the Lord
- d) Lost Man
- e) *2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. (Ephesians 2:1-3)*

**YOU CAN'T BE OVER UNLESS YOU ARE UNDER, BUT  
WHEN YOU ARE UNDER, THEN YOU ARE OVER  
EVERYTHING THAT YOU ARE OVER**

*18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

**(Matthew 28:18-20, NKJV)**

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17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

**(Luke 10:17-20 NKJV)**

5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" **(Matthew 8:5-10, NKJV)**

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**(Ephesians 6:12, NKJV)**

33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" **(Mark 13:33-37, NKJV)**

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