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SLAYING THE DRAGON

Standing Firm in Christ

A Six-Week Scripture & Reflection Workbook

Know the truth. Put on the armor. Stand firm in Christ.

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Welcome to the Study

Spiritual warfare is not a call to fear or fascination with darkness. It is a call to remain rooted in Jesus Christ, discern truth from deception, and stand firm in the strength God supplies. Scripture teaches us to recognize spiritual conflict, rely on God's protection, persevere in prayer, and rest in Christ's victory.

Use this workbook on your own or with a small group. Allow about 50 minutes per lesson. Read each passage in the **ESV or NASB** before answering the questions. Scripture references are supplied rather than long quotations so you can use your own Bible.

How to Use Each Lesson

1. Pray and read the assigned passages carefully.
2. Work through the teaching and observe what the passage actually says.
3. Write your answers in the spaces provided.
4. Complete the weekly practice and return to the passages during the week.

A Note on Discernment

The Bible teaches spiritual conflict, but not every hardship, illness, unwanted thought, or mental health symptom should be attributed to demonic activity. Seek appropriate pastoral, medical, or mental health support when needed. Distinguish explicit biblical teaching from interpretations and personal experiences; never pressure someone to disclose private struggles in a group.

Six-Week Journey

1 The Invisible War — Ephesians 6:10–12; 2 Kings 6:15–17

2 The Father of Lies — John 8:44; Genesis 3; Matthew 4

3 Know Who You Are in Christ — Romans 8; Colossians 2; Luke 10

4 The Full Armor of God — Ephesians 6:13–17

5 Prayer and Discernment — Ephesians 6:18–20; James 4; 1 Peter 5

6 Walking in Victory — Jude 9; Romans 12; Colossians 2

WEEK 1

The Invisible War

Read: Ephesians 6:10–12; 2 Kings 6:15–17; Colossians 2:13–15; Romans 8:37

Big idea: God is stronger than what we can see, and our confidence rests in Christ.

Begin with Prayer

Ask the Father to help you understand His Word and respond faithfully.

Explore the Scripture

Elisha's servant saw the surrounding army, but Elisha prayed that God would open his eyes to the greater reality of God's protection. Paul later describes a spiritual struggle and commands believers to be strong *in the Lord*. The emphasis is not on identifying an enemy behind every circumstance, but on God's strength and our call to stand. Christ's triumph is the starting point for spiritual confidence.

Reflect and Write

In 2 Kings 6:15–17, what did the servant see first? What changed after Elisha prayed?

According to Ephesians 6:10–12, where does the believer's strength come from?

How does Colossians 2:13–15 change the way you think about spiritual conflict?

WEEK 1 | PERSONAL APPLICATION

Dig Deeper

What did you learn about God's character in this week's readings?

What does this passage call you to believe, change, or practice?

Practice This Week

When anxiety or opposition arises this week, read Ephesians 6:10–12 and pray for the ability to respond with trust rather than fear.

Write down what you noticed as you practiced this lesson:

Closing Prayer

Father, open my eyes to Your faithfulness. Strengthen me in Christ, and help me stand firm without fear. Amen.

Prayer Requests / Notes

WEEK 2

The Father of Lies

Read: John 8:44; Genesis 3:1–7; 2 Corinthians 11:13–15; Matthew 4:1–11

Big idea: Deception loses its power when tested against God's Word in context.

Begin with Prayer

Ask the Father to help you understand His Word and respond faithfully.

Explore the Scripture

In Genesis 3 the serpent questions and distorts God's command. Jesus describes the devil as the father of lies in John 8:44. Paul warns that deception can appear attractive or religious. In Matthew 4, Jesus answers temptation with Scripture understood and applied rightly. Our response is careful study, not suspicion of every cultural object or person.

Reflect and Write

What does the serpent change or question in Genesis 3:1–7?

How does Jesus respond to each temptation in Matthew 4?

What is the difference between a verse taken out of context and a faithful application of Scripture?

WEEK 2 | PERSONAL APPLICATION

Dig Deeper

What did you learn about God's character in this week's readings?

What does this passage call you to believe, change, or practice?

Practice This Week

Choose one belief that troubles you. Examine a relevant Bible passage in context and write the truth it teaches.

Write down what you noticed as you practiced this lesson:

Closing Prayer

Father, train my mind to recognize what is true. Keep my heart anchored in Your Word and in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Requests / Notes

WEEK 3

Know Who You Are in Christ

Read: Romans 8:1, 14–17, 31–39; Colossians 2:13–15; Luke 10:17–20

Big idea: Our security is in belonging to Christ, not in boasting about spiritual power.

Begin with Prayer

Ask the Father to help you understand His Word and respond faithfully.

Explore the Scripture

Believers are children of God who can remember the victory Christ won at the cross. Romans 8 connects our identity to adoption, the Spirit, and God's enduring love. In Luke 10, Jesus redirects the disciples' joy from spiritual authority to the greater gift that their names are recorded in heaven. Spiritual confidence and humility belong together.

Reflect and Write

What names or descriptions does Romans 8 give those who belong to Christ?

What does Jesus tell the disciples to rejoice in (Luke 10:20)?

How can confidence in Christ differ from pride in our own abilities?

WEEK 3 | PERSONAL APPLICATION

Dig Deeper

What did you learn about God's character in this week's readings?

What does this passage call you to believe, change, or practice?

Practice This Week

Write three truths from Romans 8 about your identity in Christ. Return to them in prayer each day.

Write down what you noticed as you practiced this lesson:

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for receiving me through Christ. Replace fear and pride with gratitude, humility, and confidence in Your love. Amen.

Prayer Requests / Notes

The Full Armor of God

Read: Ephesians 6:13–17; Matthew 4:1–11; Romans 12:2

Big idea: God provides what believers need to stand firm in truth and faith.

Begin with Prayer

Ask the Father to help you understand His Word and respond faithfully.

Explore the Scripture

Paul uses the imagery of a soldier's equipment to describe a life grounded in God: the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, readiness from the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. The armor is not a magical formula. These images call us to depend on God's gifts, practice faithful obedience, and study Scripture deeply rather than treating it as a daily checkbox.

Reflect and Write

Which piece of armor in Ephesians 6:13–17 is connected to truth? To faith? To salvation?

What does it mean to be ready with the gospel of peace?

Which part of this passage challenges your current habits most?

WEEK 4 | PERSONAL APPLICATION

Dig Deeper

What did you learn about God's character in this week's readings?

What does this passage call you to believe, change, or practice?

Practice This Week

Read Ephesians 6:13–17 aloud each morning. Choose one piece of armor and record one concrete way to practice its meaning.

Write down what you noticed as you practiced this lesson:

Closing Prayer

Father, clothe me in truth, righteousness, faith, and the hope of salvation. Teach me to use Your Word faithfully. Amen.

Prayer Requests / Notes

Prayer and Discernment

Read: Ephesians 6:18–20; James 4:7–8; 1 Peter 5:8–9; 2 Corinthians 10:3–5

Big idea: Prayer, resistance to temptation, and discernment are ordinary practices of faithful Christian living.

Begin with Prayer

Ask the Father to help you understand His Word and respond faithfully.

Explore the Scripture

Paul follows the armor imagery with persistent prayer for all the saints and asks for boldness to proclaim the gospel. James calls believers to submit to God and resist the devil. Peter urges alertness and steadfast faith. Believers are called to courageous prayer and concern for one another. Discernment should be exercised with humility and pastoral care; neither distress nor sickness alone establishes a spiritual cause.

Reflect and Write

For whom does Paul ask believers to pray in Ephesians 6:18–20?

What comes before resisting the devil in James 4:7?

How can prayer be both bold and humble?

WEEK 5 | PERSONAL APPLICATION

Dig Deeper

What did you learn about God's character in this week's readings?

What does this passage call you to believe, change, or practice?

Practice This Week

Pray for three people this week: one facing difficulty, one serving in ministry, and one who needs encouragement.

Write down what you noticed as you practiced this lesson:

Closing Prayer

Father, make me watchful, prayerful, and compassionate. Help me submit to You and speak the gospel with courage. Amen.

Prayer Requests / Notes

Walking in Victory

Read: Colossians 2:13–15; Jude 9; Romans 12:1–2; 1 Peter 5:8–10; Luke 10:17–20

Big idea: Victory in Christ leads to a life of faithfulness, humility, and perseverance.

Begin with Prayer

Ask the Father to help you understand His Word and respond faithfully.

Explore the Scripture

Believers need not fear Satan but are called to stand firm as children of God. Jude 9 cautions against arrogant speech about spiritual beings. Romans 12 calls believers to transformed minds and lives offered to God. Peter acknowledges suffering and calls Christians to remain firm in faith. Spiritual maturity is not measured by dramatic encounters, but by persevering trust, obedience, love, and devotion to Jesus.

Reflect and Write

What does Jude 9 teach about humility and reliance on the Lord?

What does a renewed mind look like in Romans 12:1–2?

What daily practices will help you remain rooted in Christ after this study ends?

WEEK 6 | PERSONAL APPLICATION

Dig Deeper

What did you learn about God's character in this week's readings?

What does this passage call you to believe, change, or practice?

Practice This Week

Write a personal plan for Scripture, prayer, fellowship, and service over the next month. Share it with a trusted Christian friend if helpful.

Write down what you noticed as you practiced this lesson:

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for Christ's victory. Keep me steadfast in Your Word, humble in spirit, and faithful in service. Amen.

Prayer Requests / Notes

Final Reflection

Return to Ephesians 6:10–20. The goal of this study is not to become preoccupied with darkness, but to remain strong in the Lord and faithful to Christ.

Which biblical truth from these six weeks has most changed your perspective?

How will you continue growing in Scripture, prayer, and Christian community?

A Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the victory of Jesus Christ. Teach us to stand firm in truth, remain humble, love others, and persevere in faith. May our confidence always rest in Your strength and Your Word. In Jesus' name, amen.

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