

WEEK 8: NOVEMBER 17, 2024

SERIES – STAND FIRM: 40 Days of Spiritual Warfare

TITLE - “The Sword of the Spirit”

Notes and questions adapted from “Spiritual Warfare: Armor of the Believer” by David Jeremiah

PRAYER

After a time of checking in with each other, open up with prayer

SUMMARY

A word from God is enough to cause our spiritual enemy, Satan, to flee from us. I don't mean that in the sense that a Bible verse is a magical charm that can cause a powerful spiritual being to cower in our presence. I mean it in the spiritual warfare sense: The Word of God – the sword of the Spirit – is the one offensive weapon God has given us to use in our battle against the devil and his demons. Satan has no authority when it comes to the Word of God. The authority of the Word is the authority of God Himself and is to be used by believers to counter the lies and deception Satan tries to get us to believe. – *David Jeremiah*

WEEKLY SERMON REVIEW

- Q: Describe in your own words, what does Infallible, Inerrant, and Inspired mean when discussing the Word of God?
- Q: How important is prayer in the realm of spiritual warfare?
- Q: How would you rate your prayer life on a scale of 1 to 10?
- Q: What about your training in the Word? Would you say you're a novice, competent, proficient, or expert?

BIBLE & DISCUSSION:

- Q: According to Hebrews 4:12, how is God's Word described and what does it do in our life?
- Q: Can you think of a time in your life where the power of God's Word led to a change in your thinking and your life?
- Why is it important to read the entirety of God's Word and to memorize portions of it?
- Read Ephesians 6:18
- Q: Discuss the significance of the words “always” and “all”.
- Q: What does it look like to persevere in prayer?
- Q: Define “supplication”.
- Q: Why should we bring our request before God, even though He already knows our needs?
- Q: For whom are we told to pray? Why is it important to pray for others and ourselves?
- Read Luke 18:1 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- Q: How often should we pray and what does it look like practically?
- Q: Why does Satan want us to neglect our prayer life and our Bible study?
- CLOSING STATEMENT: Praying in the Spirit means that we put ourselves spiritually in a position to be in full agreement with the Spirit about a specific petition. It means saying, “Lord, I don't know how to pray about this. Lord, I don't know what to ask for or what to say. But, Lord, I want what you want. I want to pray what You want me to pray. I want to pray Your best into my life or the life of another person. I want to live in obedience to Your will for my life and to see others live in obedience and experience the fullness of Your approval on their lives. Show me how I ought to pray!” – Charles Stanley

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CLOSING

-Review prayer requests over this series. How has God been answering those prayers.