



Overcoming the Enemy

OBJECTIVE

This teaching unpacks Ephesians 6:10-17, revealing seven commands for Christian leaders to achieve victory in spiritual warfare. It emphasizes relying on God's authority, putting on the full armor of God, and standing firm in truth against the enemy's schemes. Ultimately, our focus as Christian leaders for ourselves and those we lead should encourage intimacy with Jesus and knowing the Word of God as key components of spiritual armor, enabling us to serve victoriously.

OVERVIEW

- Spiritual Warfare:
 - Ephesians 6 provides instructions for victory in this battle.
- Seven Commands for Leaders:
 - **Be alert:** Discern the spiritual battle around you.
 - **Be strong in the Lord:** Rely on His authority, not your position.
 - **Put on the entire armor:** Self-assess and ensure no part is missing.
 - **Stand firm against the devil's schemes:** Be rooted in truth against accusations and deceptions.
 - **Expect a fight:** Manage expectations and be prepared for spiritual attacks.
 - **Know your enemy:** Focus on the real enemy and avoid misdirected efforts.
 - **Know where to fight:** The battle is in the heavenly realms; use the armor to fight spiritually.
- We have authority, power, and victory in Christ.
- Intimacy with Jesus and knowing the Word of God are essential to be victorious.

VERSES REFERENCED

Ephesians 6:10-17

Isaiah 11:5

Isaiah 59:17

Psalms 91:4

Isaiah 49:2

Isaiah 52:7

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. Reflect on the seven commands in Ephesians 6. What specific area feels most vulnerable to the enemy's attacks right now? How can you strengthen your armor in that area?
2. In what ways do you tend to rely on your own strength or positional authority rather than the Lord's authority in your leadership? How can you shift your dependence to Him more fully?
3. Have you found yourself fighting the wrong enemy? Explain.
4. What are some practical ways we can equip and empower the people we lead to put on the full armor of God?

SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY

Romans 13:11-14

Psalms 91

Isaiah 59:17