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Chapter 6 – Spiritual Warfare Demystified

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[p78] This sense of unseen resistance is what Christians often identify as spiritual warfare.

GET DRESSED

[p90] truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than godly virtues. They are spiritual battle gear.

THE RADICAL NORMALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

[p92] Satan, the prince of the power of the air, has tried to poison the human way of thinking.

[p92] the antichrist spirit already in the world, positions itself completely against God and His ways.

[p92] spiritual warfare is anything that undercuts Satan's stranglehold on this world.

[p92] Spiritual warfare often takes on the most mundane of appearances. Some of the most destructive things a Christian can do to Satan's dark kingdom occur through a life of purity, acts of kindness, Christlike forgiveness, humility, and self-sacrifice.

[p93] What seems powerful and effective in the flesh is often completely impotent in the spiritual realm.

[p93] The most effective spiritual warfare occurs below the surface, in the depths of our character, godliness, and sacrifice.

STAND AND FIGHT

[p96] it is amazing how many people encounter spiritual resistance and give up. Overwhelmed with frustration and fear, they sit down and cry. They watch through the tears as the enemy ravages their lives and they ask, "Why, God?"

[p97] In spiritual warfare you have to have a burning heart and the eye of the tiger—that fierce determination to win and never back down.

THE NATURAL AFFECTS THE SPIRITUAL

[p99] The same thing happened in Jericho. Somehow the Israelites' march around the city walls directly affected the supernatural collapse of those walls (Josh. 6). Elijah told Naaman to dip in the Jordan River seven times (2 Kings 5:1–14). Jesus put mud in a blind man's eye (John 9:6), and He told the disciples to cast their nets on the other side of the boat (John 21:6).

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

How can virtues like faith, hope, and love be weapons against Satan's dark kingdom?

How did Jesus wage spiritual warfare throughout His earthly life?

Have you sensed that some area of your life has been under attack recently?

How would you describe your current state of mind? Are you ready for spiritual battle, or are you in civilian mode?