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Week 6 – Resting on the Battlefield

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### **Introduction:**

Key Verses - Ephesians 6:11-12

### **Spiritual Warfare: Five Core Realities...**

REALITY #1: The Security of our \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.10)

“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power...”

REALITY #2: The Certainty of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 11-12)

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood...”

REALITY #3: The Simplicity of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13)

“Therefore, put on the full armor of God...”

REALITY #4: The Availability of the INVENTORY (vs. 14-17)

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REALITY #5: The Opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 18)

### **The Big Idea: You are MORE THAN a conqueror through Christ!**

God has...transferred us from darkness to light (Col. 1:13), crucified our old man with Himself and made us completely new (Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:21), made us into new creations - the old is gone, the new is come (2 Cor. 5:17), placed us “in Christ” as our new identity (Eph. 1:1-11), sealed us with His Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:12-13), irreversibly secured us in our salvation (1 Pet. 1:3-9), offered us freedom from the domination of sin (Rom. 6:1-14), given us mercies that are new every morning (Lam. 3:23), worked all things together for our good (Rom. 8:28) and offered us grace in which we rest assured of His all-sufficiency (Heb. 4:16).

## **QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS OR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

### **Personal Life:**

1. In your past, how have you interacted with the topic of “spiritual warfare?” Has the subject of Satan’s schemes – both his deceptive power AND his defeated position – been something you’ve grasped Biblically, or has there been imbalance? Discuss...

### **Ponderings:**

2. In what way(s) has Jesus defeated Satan through the cross and the empty tomb? Why is it important to see that Satan’s only real weapon against us is to get us to self-destruct through falling for his lies and deception?
3. Satan is described as a “roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). We are also assured that He will “flee from us” when we resist him (James 4:7).
  - Look again at the spiritual pieces of armor described in Ephesians 6:14-17, and discuss why each one of them is powerful for resisting the roaring lion...
4. The Apostle Paul wrote that God is not the “author of confusion, but of peace” (1 Corinthians 14:33). If your life is characterized by a state of confusion and chaos, what are your options for reversing that reality?

### **Promptings:**

5. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 states: “3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”
  - During this time of global and national unrest, how can you begin to more effectively take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ. How can you help others to do the same? Try to be specific...