

STANDING FIRM IN THE BATTLE

Study Questions Week 8

For our final week, read the entire book of Ephesians in one sitting and make note of every instance that Paul records *what* he is praying for these believers. Write down exactly what he is asking God to do. How can this have an influence on your current prayer life? Are there some perspectives that you need to apply to your prayers or ways you need to change how you are praying for yourself and others? If so, please list them.

How is the sword of the Spirit (the word of God) applied to our everyday life? How could Paul's instruction in Ephesians 6:10 practically be applied to your daily tasks and attitudes? How are we to use the sword of the Spirit in the midst of a spiritual battle? Is there a difference?

Martyn Lloyd Jones said, "We must come face to face with our tendency to try to pray on our own." What are some ways that we might be doing this? How is this a contradiction to praying in the Spirit?

When was the last time you stopped to consider if your prayer life is pleasing to God? This passage gives us some direction for how we can pray. Ephesians 6:18 uses the word ALL four times.

Pray at ALL times

With ALL prayer and supplication

With ALL perseverance

For ALL the saints

This gives us insight into the manner and application of our prayers. While prayer is communication with God, it is to be done in a way that is acceptable to God and not free to our own interpretation of when we want to pray and what we feel like praying for. Take some time to consider how you can honor God in your prayer life. Do you need to confess to Him any areas

of disobedience in your prayers to Him. Write down some specific ways you can be practically apply this scripture to your life.

As we come to a close in our study, how do the truths of God's word in regards to the spiritual battle transform your view of God? How does it affect your view of the enemy? How does it change your view of yourself and the ability to stand firm?

Which piece of the armor that God has provided for you has made you love Him more? Why? Write down a response of praise to Him for providing for you in this specific way.

Thank you for your diligence to complete this study. I pray that you would use it to remind you of how great our God is and what lengths He has gone to in redeeming you personally. May you use these biblical truths as armor to stand firm. Remember to encourage other sisters in Christ to remain faithful to the end and to keep battling for holiness. Also remember that this material can be used to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who don't know Christ yet, but need to hear that they can be saved from the wrath to come through the good news of the gospel. This armor is for believers but it is a great tool to share the real battle of sin and the need for a Savior who wins the battle for us. May God richly bless your efforts to know Him more.