**AM I READY TO DO BATTLE WITH MY ENEMY?**

Ephesians 6:10-18

The Christian life is a continuous battle. Every human life is engaged in a fight. A fight against living right or a fight from living wrong. The Christian warfare and battles are even more of a fight simply because of the nature of the fight. Ours is not a fight with flesh and blood, to a larger extent (Ephesian 6:12).

Since the time Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden human life has been a fight. Not long after Adam and Eve were taken from the Garden they began to start and raise a family. Born into the life of these first human parents were two brothers, Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel began the first fight in the Bible in the field because of jealousy. Cain killed Abel because Abel’s offering was more acceptable to God. Because God rejected Cain’s offering bitterness arose within his heart against his brother and Cain slew Abel and hid his body in the ground. His blood would cry out of the ground.

Behind every battle is our enemy, Satan. It was Satan, the serpent, that caused Adam and Eve to get kicked out of Paradise. It was Satan that caused Cain to slay his brother Abel. Satan is the true enemy behind every envy, every jealousy, every plot to steal and to kill. Satan’s target is always the center core of man’s **human nature**. It is a real war just to keep human nature going in the right direction. Human nature is like water in a rising river seeking its own level and searching for a mark to crest. Unlike water in a river human nature never reaches a satisfying mark and therefore it just keeps on rising and seeking for acceptance. No one could state it better than the Apostle Paul in Romans 7:18, **“ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”** The war of sin is the battle where Satan comes to the battlefield to win against the life of faith in God. He comes to kill, steal and to destroy the joy of the believer.

In the following lesson you will learn a lot about war, fighting and battling with the enemy. The question is: Are you ready to fight with the battles of life and win? Are you equipped to do battle and come out the victor and not the victim?

1. In Ephesians 6:10, what did Paul refer as the place for believers to gain their first weapon of strength and confidence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. People of the Christian faith use weapons to fight Satan. Name them in Ephesians chapter 6.
2. First, how much armor does the Bible ask the people of faith to use in vv.11,13?

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4. In v.17a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. In v.17b \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. In v.18a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. In v.18b \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. What do you think each of the fighting armor means to people of the Christian faith? How does each of the listed weapons assist people of the Christian faith to fight?