

## Series: Disciple

Part 14: Continuing to Journey with God

Sunday March 13, 2016

1. How can Jesus leave and yet be with us to the end?!
  - Jesus is with us always as he keeps the earth from blowing apart (Col. 1:16-17)
  - Jesus is with us always as he is the head of the church (Col. 1:18).
  - Jesus is with us always as we pray (Heb. 7:25).
  - Jesus is with us always as we engage in the reading of the bible.
  - Jesus is with us always because he has given us his Spirit (Jn. 15:26; 16:13).
2. *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?* (1 Cor. 6:19).
3. Tales from the other side: 2 Sam. 5:24; 2 Kings 6:15-17; Daniel 10.
4. *We demolish **arguments** and every **pretension** that sets itself up against the **knowledge** of God, and we take captive every **thought** and make it obedient to Christ* (2 Cor. 10: 3-5).
5. *Put on the full armor of God... so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes* (v. 11).
6. *Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour* (1 Pt. 5:8).
7. *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms* (v. 12).
8. *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place* (v. 14).
9. *... and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace* (v. 15).
10. *In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one* (v. 16).
11. *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God* (v. 17).

## Study Notes

### DISCUSSION

1. After reflecting on Sunday's teaching – What stood out for you? What did you learn? Any lingering questions?
2. How would you describe your understanding of "spiritual warfare?"

### INTO THE BIBLE

3. Read Eph. 6:10-20.

a. What stands out for you?

b. What are some ways you see our culture being deceived by the devil's schemes? Can you talk about some ways in which you have succumbed to his deceptions?

c. Even though we know that our struggle is not against flesh and blood – what flesh and blood are you sometimes tempted to struggle against?

d. How might the idea of "spiritual warfare" actually promote the love of enemy and peaceful reconciliation in our human relationships?  
Hint: If flesh and blood aren't the enemy then...

e. Which of the pieces of armor do you most often remember to wear? Which piece do you most often forget to put on?

### APPLICATION

4. How will you keep TRUTH at the center of your life this week as to who you are, how you see yourself, the basis for making decisions, what you think about and what you say?
5. What might you do to stay mindful that you are in a war?