

The Battle Is The Lord's!

It really happened this way! II Chronicles 20:1-25

Two things that are true for a Christ follower...

- We are in a real battle with a scheming enemy.
 - "Our struggle" is real! Ephesians 6:12
 - His "schemes" are strategic battle plans for each of us. Ephesians 6:11
- We cannot fight this enemy on our terms. II Corinthians 10:3-5
 - The battle is a spiritual one, fought in the spiritual realm.
 - We are human and can't use human means or personally rebuke Satan. Jude 9
 - Our weapons for this battle are divinely powerful to destroy strongholds. I John 4:3-4

We must understand where the power lies... Ephesians 6:10

- This power is the "strength of His might"... the inherent omnipotence of God!
- The power of Christ is first mentioned in this book in a prayer. Eph. 1:18-22
- The power of Christ is demonstrated... Ephesians 2:1-9; Romans 1:16
- The power of Christ, mentioned in another prayer, is ours through relationship. Ephesians 3:14-21
 - The Holy Spirit, who lives in us, strengthens us in the inner man.
 - Jesus Christ is made at home in our hearts through faith.
 - We are then firmly established in the love of Christ, both knowing and showing it.

Timothy was encouraged to rely on the power of God...

II Timothy 1:6-8; 2:1, 3-4

Paul summed it all up in one sentence... Philippians 4:13

How do we appropriate God's power?

Next week... ***"Get Dressed For War!"***