

The Battle for Your Life

Luke 8:26-39

Isaiah 8:19-20 – ¹⁹When they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the spiritists who chirp and mutter,” shouldn’t a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰Go to God’s instruction and testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. (CSB)

I. The **destructive power** of Satan is incomparable to the **delivering power** of Jesus.

A. Characteristics of evil spirits.

Matthew 12:43-45 – ⁴³“When an unclean spirit comes out of a person, it roams through waterless places looking for rest but doesn’t find any. ⁴⁴Then it says, ‘I’ll go back to my house that I came from.’ Returning, it finds the house vacant, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and settle down there. As a result, that person’s last condition is worse than the first. That’s how it will also be with this evil generation.” (CSB)

B. Spiritual attacks of evil spirits.

II. The believer must be **equipped** for war.

Romans 12:1 – Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. (CSB)

A. Know the **truth**.

John 8:32 – You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (CSB)

B. Protect what is **vital**.

Ephesians 6:14 – Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, (CSB)

C. Maintain your **traction**.

Ephesians 6:15 – and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. (CSB)

D. Defend the **attacks**.

Ephesians 6:16 – In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (CSB)

E. Guard your **mind**.

Ephesians 6:17 – Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. (CSB)

Thought For The Week:

The Christian life is a **battleground** not a **playground**.

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