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# Time to Stand

## Victory Life Church — Pastor Duane Sheriff

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Part 1: “Get in the Fight” - Sunday, January 3, 2021

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NKJ)

- God has called us to a spiritual battle
- It's not with people, but evil spirits
  - o 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (ref)
  - o 1 Timothy 6:12 (ref)
  - o Matthew 11:12 (ref)

A – Vs. 10 “Strong in the Lord”

➤ Identity with Christ

“Power of His might”

B – Vs. 11 – God's armor equips us for this battle

C – Vs. 12-13 – Flesh and Blood (people) are not the enemy.

However, these spirits work through people and groups.

D – Vs. 14-17 – God's Armor

E – Vs. 18-20 – Pray:

- Different kinds of prayers
- Watch out for each other
- Leaders to speak boldly the mysteries of the gospel

**[Questions to answer]**

- What to fight?
- When to fight?
- Why to fight?
- How to fight?

**[Wiles of the devil - ?]**

- (NLT) “strategies”

**[Satan’s MO]**

- Deception
- Counterfeit
- Temptations
- Trials and tribulations
- Slander / accusations

**[Two major vehicles]**

- False Religion / Philosophies (of men)
- 1 Corinthians 2:7-8 (NKJ)
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJ)
- 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NKJ)

Pharisees and Roman authorities and soldiers killed Jesus

- Ephesians 2:1-6 (NKJ)

“Father forgive them, they know not what they do”  
(Jesus on the cross)