

Warfare Message 8

Perry Duggar November 7, 2021

## Outline

We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do."

2 Corinthians 10:3 (NLT)

## A. Introduction

(2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Timothy 4:7)

#### **B.** Waging spiritual warfare (2 Corinthians 10:1-18)

1. Rely on \_\_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 10:1-6. C/R: James 1:19-20; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Ephesians 6:10-12; 2 Corinthians 6:6-7)

Answers: B.1. God 2. retreat 3. calling

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2. Refuse to (2 Corinthians 10:7-11. C/R: 1 Corinthians 15:58; 16:13-14; Philippians 1:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15)

3. Respond to God's \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 10:12-18. C/R: Ephesians 2:10; Galatians 6:9; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 6:10)



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# Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

#### **Conversation Starter**

Describe your ideal boss or supervisor.

#### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

#### **Bible Study and Group Discussion**

#### Read <u>2 Corinthians 10:1-11:15</u>.

- 1. Paul appealed to the Corinthians with both gentleness and boldness. How can these two traits be appropriately combined in your relationships and ministry (vs. 1-2)?
- 2. Paul said he's not waging war *as humans do*, but with *God's mighty weapons* (vs. 10:3-4). Who is he fighting with? What strategies do you think he has in mind?
- 3. What's your understanding or experience with spiritual warfare?
- 4. What does it look like in daily life to destroy every proud obstacle (vs. 10:5)?
- 5. Can you think of a time you tried to figure something out on your own instead of relying on God? How did that affect your relationship with God?
- 6. Have you ever questioned an idea taught by a pastor or leader based on your understanding of the Bible? If so, explain.
- 7. What does this passage say about authority within the church?

- 8. Have you ever struggled with someone in authority? Describe the situation. How did you handle it?
- 9. Write out a definition of *jealousy*. How does the Godly jealousy Paul feels toward the Corinthians (vs. 11:2) differ from worldly jealousy?
- 10. What do you find most inspiring or challenging from this week's lesson?
- 11. What's one step you can take to strengthen your faith this week?

#### **Spiritual Practice**

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Write down challenges you're currently facing. Pray specifically for God to meet you in those difficult situations and thank Him for His grace and strength. As you see God work, encourage someone else by telling them what happened.

## **Memory Verse**

We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NLT)

## **Daily Reading**

Day 1: <u>1 Timothy 6:11-12</u> Day 2: <u>James 1:19-20</u> Day 3: <u>Ephesians 6:10-12</u> Day 4: <u>Galatians 6:9-10</u> Day 5: <u>1 Corinthians 16:13-14</u>

## **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, November 14, we'll continue our series *Sufficiency in Christ*. To prepare read <u>2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10</u>.



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