

Embracing Who I Am

8. Warrior

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1. Where have all the warriors gone?

God is a warrior

Exodus 15: 3

The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

Revelation 19: 11-13, 15

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

God is looking for warriors

Ezekiel 22: 30

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.

2. Why do we fight?

To defend our families

Nehemiah 4: 14

... Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

To negate the enemy

Acts 8: 3

But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

Ephesians 6: 11

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

3. What are our weapons?

Our actions

Matthew 5: 16

... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

God's Word

I Peter 3: 15

... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have....

4. How do we fight?

Sometimes we go to battle

Judges 16: 28-30

Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign LORD, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." ²⁹ Then Samson reached toward the two

central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, ³⁰ Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it....

Sometimes we turn the cheek

Luke 6: 29

If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also....

Our Challenge

Deuteronomy 20: 3-4

"Hear, Southridge: Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not panic or be terrified by them. ⁴ For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."