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1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Acts 4:29-31

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 6:10-11

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

BIG IDEAS

- Life is constant, spiritual war.
- We need spiritual armor for spiritual battles.
- The battle begins with prayer.

BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 6:10-18A

TRANSFORM - I AM IN CHRIST

The Transform Year is an exploration of what it means to become a “new creation” in Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In order for this to happen, we must first find our identity in Him. Many of us live in a consistent state of identity crises. We wrestle with questions like who am I, where do I belong, why do I exist? The answer to these questions is found in Jesus. Our prayer for this semester is that like the Apostle Paul we would be able to say, “I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- God is holy and we are separated from Him in our sin.
- The gospel transforms sinners into saints.
- The Christian life is about becoming who we already are in Christ.



Every student should feel...

- The depth of their sin against the holy God.
- Wonder and awe at the good news of the gospel.
- Secure in the identity that they now have in Jesus.



Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire book of Ephesians
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week during the Ephesians series.
- Learn how to use a commentary.



Every student should want to...

- Be transformed by the gospel.
- Put sin to death and pursue holiness.
- Share the good news of the gospel.

FAMILY WORKOUT

Believers find strength in God to fight their spiritual battle. This week we will consider how to lead our son or daughter to fight their spiritual battle in God's strength. We will pray with our student to overcome the spiritual darkness of the world and we will practice praying without ceasing.

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Read Ephesians 6:10-18a this week and meditate upon these verses.

- Reflect upon your own spiritual battle and ponder the battle your son and daughter faces every day. Consider ways you can help your son or daughter put on the full armor of God.
- What disciplines can you help your student establish to have victory over the darkness of this world? How can you encourage your student to remain firm in his or her faith?

Consider how you can help your son or daughter pray always.

- In what ways can you be an example of praying without ceasing? How can you lead your son or daughter to be strong in the Lord? In what ways can you set the example of fighting your own spiritual battle in God's strength and might?



Make a point of praying every day with your son or daughter this week.

- Seek God with them asking for His strength and might for them in their time of spiritual battle. Ask God to strengthen your son and daughter and to help you lead them to rely upon His power and might.
- Pray with your student this week, asking God to strengthen him or her for their spiritual battle. Pray for God to give you wisdom to lead your student to grow more disciplined in his or her prayer life.



Have a discussion with your son or daughter about your own prayer life.

- Share with your son or daughter the things that you pray for throughout the day and help your son or daughter think of the things that he or she can pray about.
- Make a plan to meet with your student to discuss his or her spiritual battle. Check in with your student to see how he or she is using the power of God to fight their spiritual battle.