

STRANGER STRUGGLE

Stranger Things

SERIES BIG IDEA:

The life we experience in Jesus because of grace is a powerful and stranger thing.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)

There is a spiritual enemy who wants to destroy the unity of the new humanity in Jesus.

God has all authority and has given us the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 1:18-23 (NIV)

We are to prepare ourselves for spiritual attacks with our Spirit-empowered armor.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)

Our struggle is not with people but with spiritual powers.

(This does not mean there is an evil spirit in all people who do not do good.)

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

When life fighters against me, I can stand in what Jesus has already done for me.

¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:13-18 (NIV)

- **I stand in the truth that I am right with God and have peace with Him because of Jesus' work and love for me.**
- **I stand trusting that nothing can separate me from God's love.**
- **I stand in knowing I am saved by grace.**
- **I stand by praying what God has already said in scripture.**

We don't fight for victory, we stand in victory.

Further reading for this week

Day 1: Ephesians 1

Day 2: Ephesians 2

Day 3: Ephesians 3

Day 4: Ephesians 4

Day 5: Ephesians 5

Day 6: Ephesians 6

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