

# “A BLOODLESS INVISIBLE BATTLE”

*(2 Corinthians 10:1-6)*

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*Expository Sermon of II Corinthians - Sermon 20*

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# INTRODUCTION:

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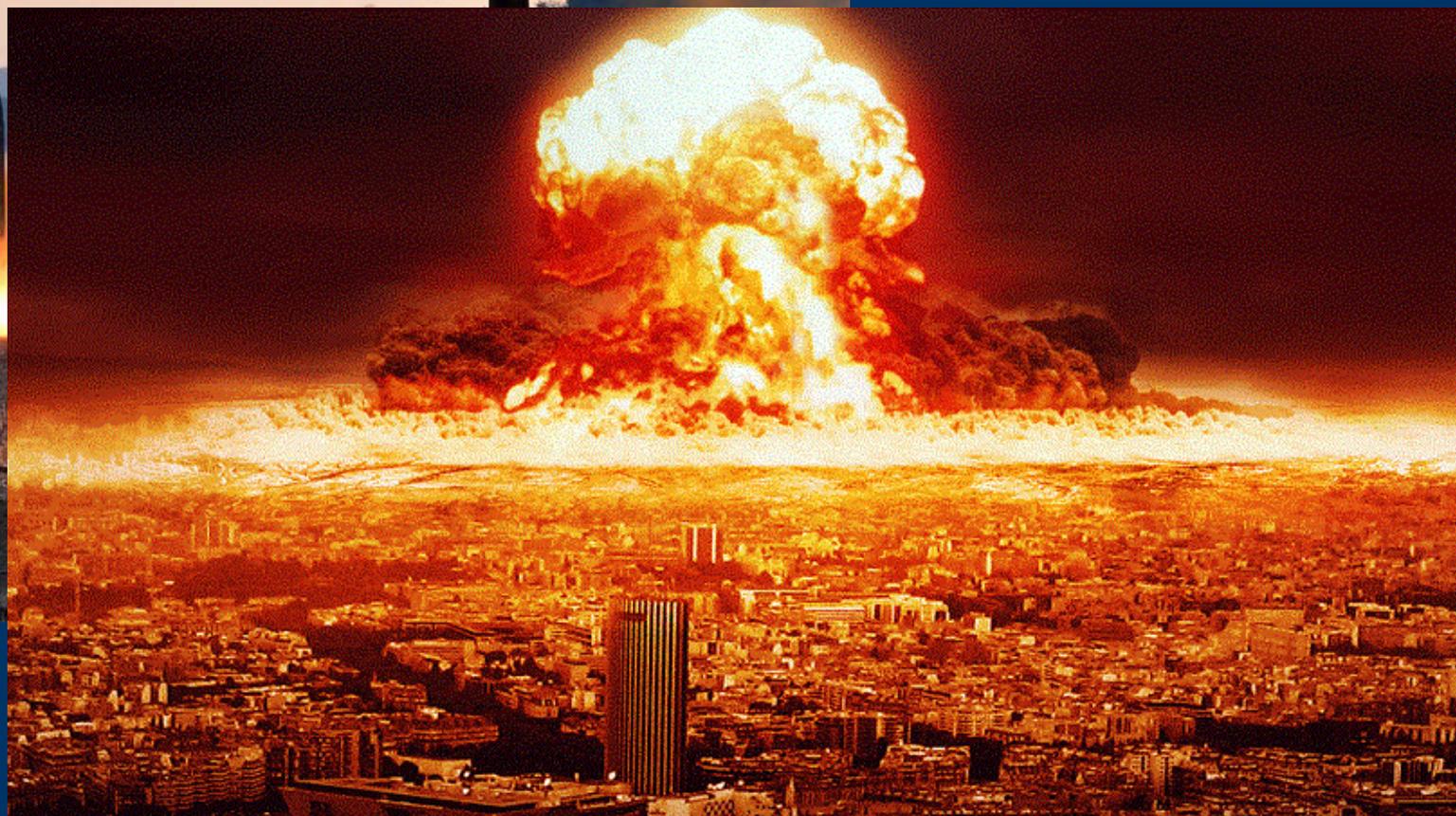


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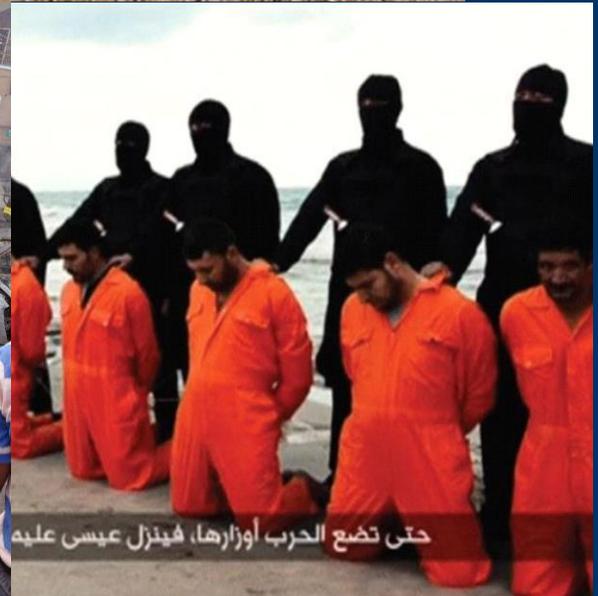
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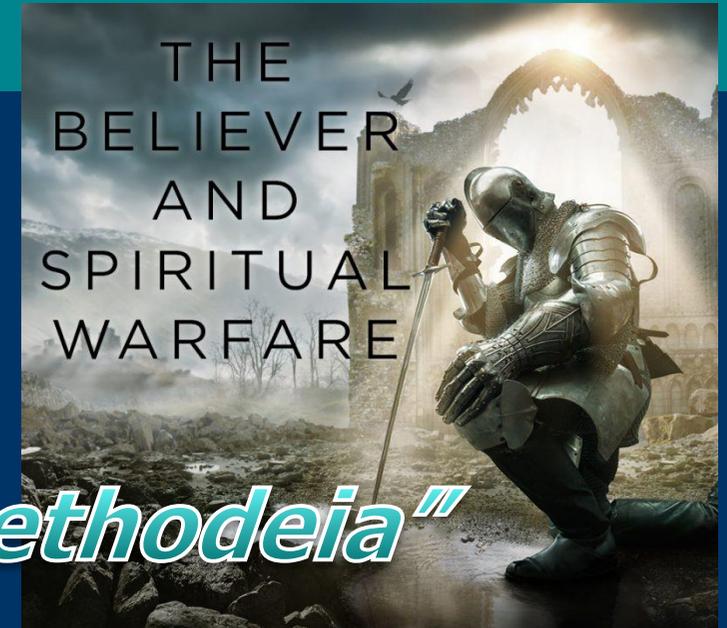
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**Eph 6:10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

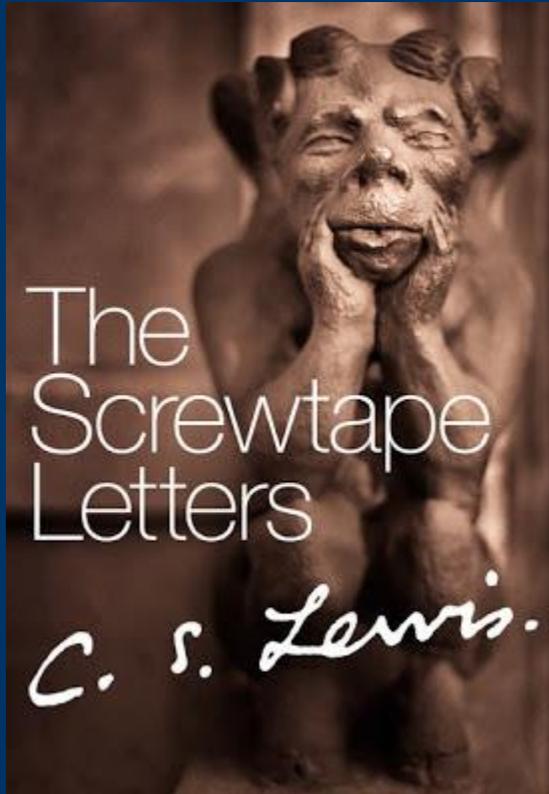
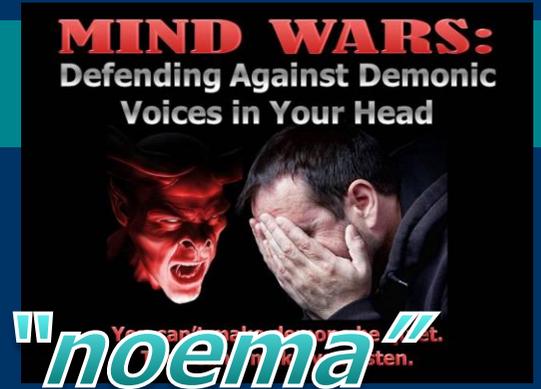
**11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's **schemes**.



**Eph 6:12** 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.

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*2 Cor 2:11 In order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his **schemes**.*



Doubtless, like all young tempters, you are anxious to be able to report spectacular wickedness. But do remember, the only thing that matters is the extent to which you separate the man from the Enemy. It does not matter how small the sins are, provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed, the safest road to Hell is the gradual one the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.

Your affectionate uncle

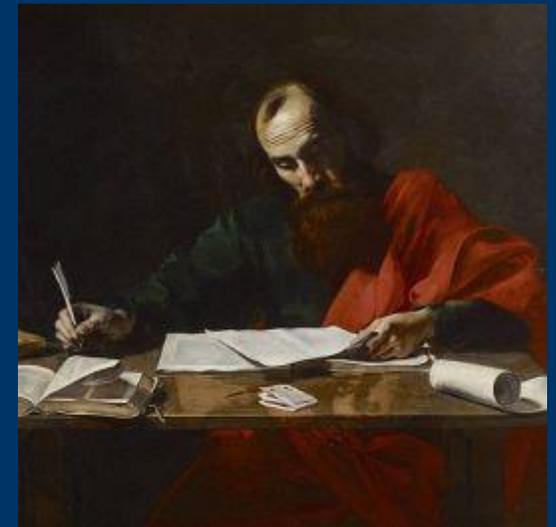
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## II. THE REAL BATTLE THEN AND NOW

### A) *The Paul - Corinthian Conflict*

**2 Cor 10:1** *By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you — I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" toward you when away!*

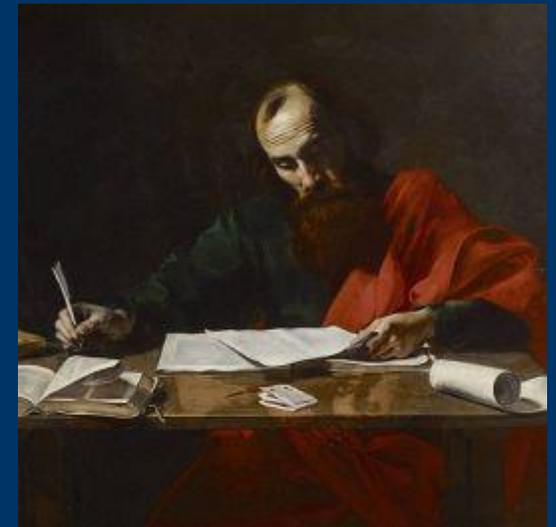
**2** *I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.*



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**2 Cor 14:10** *This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.*



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### B) *The Flesh - Spirit Warfare*

**2 Cor 10:3** For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. **4** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish **strongholds.** **5** We demolish **arguments** and every **pretension** that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.



### III. THE OBEDIENCE & DISOBEDIENCE ISSUE

*2 Cor 10:6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.*

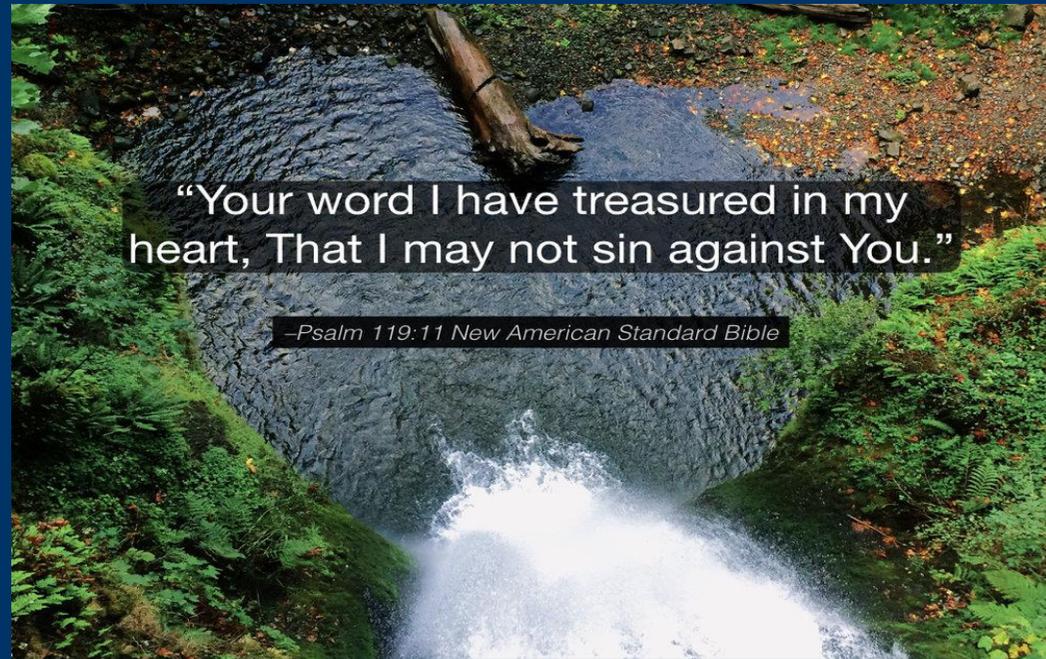


*"If have most of you with me, we can clean up this disciplinary issue and get on with the business of victorious living."*

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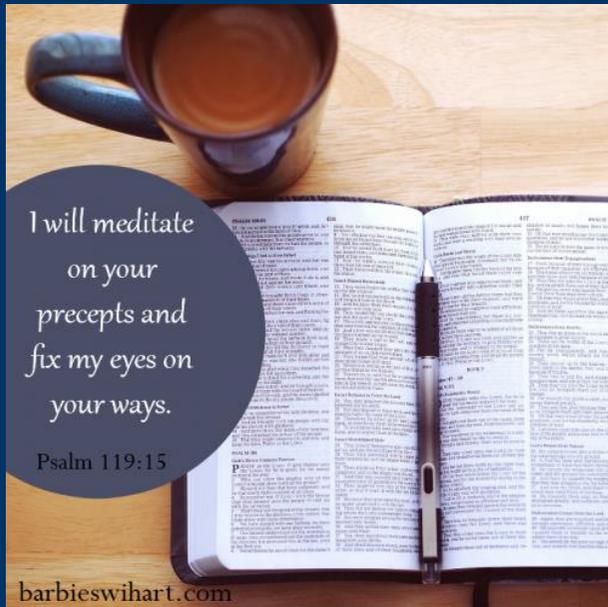
### A) Memorize

**Ps. 119:11** *Thy word I have treasured in my heart,  
That I may not sin against Thee.*



# IV. THE SURVIVAL - STRATEGY SUGGESTIONS

## A) Memorize



- Prov. 2:1** *My son, if you will receive my sayings,  
And treasure my commandments within you,*
- 2** *Make your ear attentive to wisdom,  
Incline your heart to understanding;*
- 3** *For if you cry for discernment,  
Lift your voice for understanding;*
- 4** *If you seek her as silver,  
And search for her as for hidden treasures;*
- 5** *Then you will discern the fear of the Lord,  
And discover the knowledge of God.*

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### *B) Personalize*

*Phi 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*



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### C) Analyze

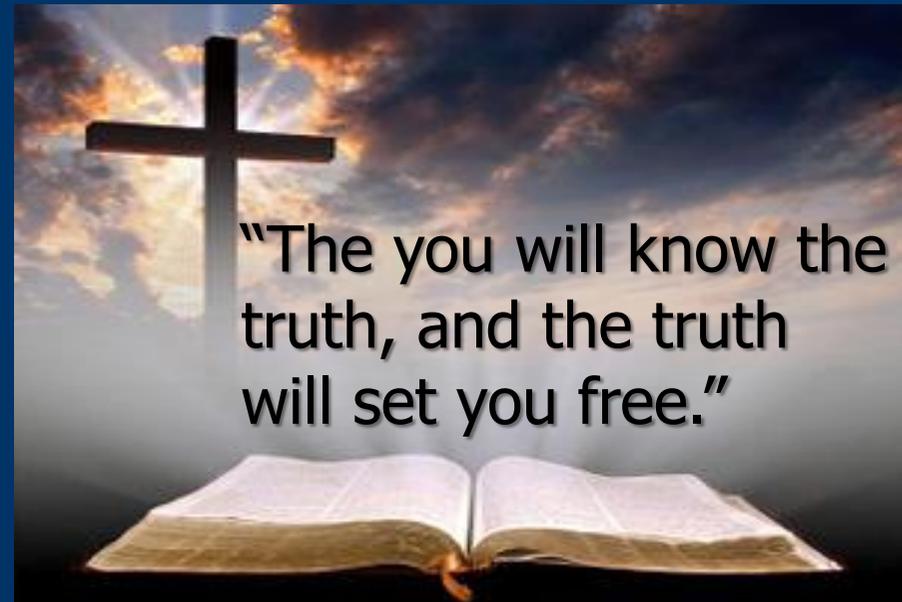
**James 1:23** *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.*



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### *D) Visualize*

***Jn 8:31*** *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

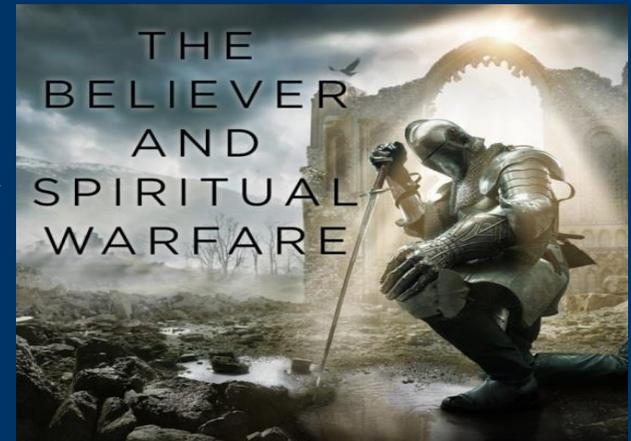


# CONCLUSION:



In order to overcome and be victorious in the spiritual warfare, we must...

- A) We must be fully aware of Satan's Mind game.***
- B) We must put on the full armor of God to counter his attack.***
- C) We must be obedience to Christ and follow his command.***
- D) We need to memorize, personalize, analyze and visualize God's word daily.***





# CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the differences between physical and spiritual warfare?*
- 2. How is the spiritual war fought and how can we be wounded?*
- 3. Describe and Discuss on the spiritual war raging in Paul's time?*
- 4. Why is obedience to the commander so important in time of war?*
- 5. Using Ephesians 6:10-11 as the example, break into small group to practice the survival strategy as suggested above.*



*Scripture References:*

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