This is War

Suit Up: Winning the War Within - Part 1

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We're at war.

The Enemy has a plan for your life.

"[10]A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." John 10:9-10 (CSB)

"It comes as a shock to the new believer that the Christian life is a battleground and not a playground. In my pastoral ministry, I could always tell when a new Christian was starting to mature, because he found himself fighting battles." - Warren Wiesrbe

The moment you surrendered your life to Jesus, you stepped onto the frontlines of a spiritual battlefield.

Spiritual warfare is a daily battle in the unseen, where the enemy fights to distort your identity, derail your purpose, and destroy your intimacy with God—yet victory belongs to those who fight from the finished work of Christ.

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#1 - RECOGNIZE THE REAL FIGHT

"The devil's finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist." - Charles Baudelaire, Le Joueur Généreux

#2 - RELY ON THE RIGHT STRENGTH

We spend too much time trying to fix spiritual problems with self-help solutions.

We don't fight for victory, we fight from victory.

#3 - READ THE ENEMY'S PLAYBOOK

"[16]For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world." 1 John 2:16 (CSB)

He doesn't attack where you're strong. He hits where you're tired, where you're triggered, where you're tempted.

#4 - RESPOND BY SUITING UP!

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"[7]Lord, my Lord, my strong Savior, you shield my head on the day of battle." Psalm 140:7 (CSB)

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