

APRIL 13, 2025

PRAYING

WITH PAUL



SERMON: Warfare Prayer ([WATCH SERMON](#)) ([SERMON NOTES](#))

SPEAKER: Pastor Steve

CORE SCRIPTURE: [Ephesians 6:10–18](#)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

Pastor Steve delved into the theme of spiritual warfare, emphasizing that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces of evil. He highlighted the devil's strategy of deception and the importance of recognizing the reality of these spiritual battles. Pastor Steve urged us to neither underestimate nor overestimate the power of these forces and stressed the significance of prayer as our ultimate weapon. By putting on the full armor of God through continuous prayer, we can stand firm against the enemy's schemes and draw near to God, knowing that in Christ, we have the authority to overcome.

SHARE

Share a time when you felt opposed or resisted in your walk with Jesus. How did you respond, and what did you learn from that experience?

READ

Begin by reading [Ephesians 6:10-18](#) together as a group.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus centered discussions.

- 1) What most stood out to you on the sermon?
- 2) Reflect on Ephesians 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." What perspective should we take on challenges you face in your daily life? Who are these spiritual forces, and who are they not, and why does that matter?
- 3) Pastor Steve mentioned the devil's strategy of deception. How have you experienced

this in your own life? Which is more prevalent in our culture today: underestimating or overestimating the power of spiritual forces?

- 4) Pastor Steve discussed the tendency to think “Something’s wrong with me” or “Something’s wrong with God” when facing opposition. Which of these do you find yourself more prone to, and where does it affect your relationship with God? How can we support each other in overcoming these thoughts?
- 5) Read Ephesians 6:14-17. Discuss what each piece of the armor represents and how it can be applied in our lives. Where in your life do you feel most vulnerable to the enemy’s schemes, and how can the armor of God help protect you in these areas?
- 6) The sermon emphasized that prayer is the ultimate weapon against the enemy. How can we incorporate more prayer into our daily routines to strengthen our spiritual defenses?

NEXT STEPS: Choose 1-2 to apply this week

Personal Reflection: Identify one area in your life where you feel most vulnerable to the enemy’s schemes. Commit to praying specifically for strength and protection in that area this week.

Group Challenge: As a group, commit to praying for one another throughout the week. Consider setting up a group chat or email chain to share prayer requests and updates.

Community Engagement: Plan a time to meet as a group for a prayer walk in your community. Pray for the people, schools, and businesses in your area, asking God to reveal His presence and protection.

PRAY

Begin with a moment of silence, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your time of prayer.

Encourage each member to pray for the person on their right, focusing on the specific needs and areas of spiritual warfare they shared.

Conclude with a group prayer, asking God to equip you with His armor and to draw you closer to Him through prayer. Pray for Cornerstone Community Church and its upcoming Prayer & Re-envisioning meeting, seeking God’s guidance and vision for the future.