

Battleground: Our Relationships in Marriage/Family

Icebreaker: When you are under stress or just need to unwind, what are some things that you do?

Worship: Check out the worship resources we have available on Lifegroupleaders.com. You will find playlists available on Spotify, YouTube and Vimeo.

Worship Playlist 4

This is Amazing Grace | Phil Wickham

See a Victory | Elevation Worship

Do It Again | Elevation Worship

Review: Welcome to week 2 of our spiritual warfare series. Remember, Ephesians 6:12 says, “our battle is not against flesh and blood.” We hope you’ve joined the challenge to draw near to God for 30 days, using this [resource](#) as a reminder. (Leaders, share this link with your Lifegroup members if you haven’t already done so.)

Let’s read the key scripture together, James 4:6-8b.

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” SUBMIT therefore to God. RESIST the devil and he will flee from you. DRAW NEAR to God and HE will draw near to you.

Ask someone to read this guided prayer or read it together, if everyone has a copy of the resource card.

“God, I repent of pride in my life and I HUMBLE and SUBMIT myself to you. From this posture, I RESIST the attacks of the enemy against my relationship with you, my family, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and my witness to the world. And, as I DRAW NEAR to you, open my ears to hear and give me grace and power to obey your word. Amen.”

Today we are going to look at the enemy’s tactics, especially against marriage and family, and a divine response strategy.

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SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Read and Discuss:

Read **Genesis 3:1-13** together and discuss the following questions:

1. What are the attacks of the enemy you observed in this passage?
2. Can you think of a time when you experienced similar attacks from the enemy?
3. What were the effects of listening to the enemy's voice?
4. Blame and shame are two weapons the enemy uses to divide us. How have you experienced blame and shame from someone close to you? Have you used blame or shame against someone you care about?

Read and Discuss:

Read **Genesis 45:1-15** and **Genesis 50:15-21** together and discuss the following questions:

1. How do you see restoration happening in this family through Joseph's response to his brothers?
2. How does Joseph view God's divine plan versus the enemy's tactics based on these passages?
3. Where is God inviting you to respond like Joseph in relationships where you may have been hurt?
4. Does remembering Ephesians 6:12, "Our battle is not against flesh and blood" change how you treat your family or other relationships?

Prayer: Let's break up into groups of 2-3. Take a moment to wait on the Lord individually and ask Him who you may need to forgive and where you need to repent to God and others. Where do you need to remember and trust that God is at work for your good especially in places where you have felt attacked by the enemy? Share briefly with one another for accountability and pray together.