

Study Guide

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at www.spwired.com.

Monday—This week we will be looking at this image of warrior in scripture. It's important for men and women to remember that as we move through this series, this is not a call to violence, rudeness, arrogance, or insensitivity. These are NOT traits of the Godly warrior we are seeking to identify.

We're used to visualizing the gentle side of Jesus, but he also had his warrior side. **Read Matthew 10:34 and Revelation 19:11-16.** How do you react to these images of Jesus? Are you comfortable or uncomfortable with these images? Why? Why are we sometimes afraid to picture Jesus in his strength, standing up for a cause?

Tuesday—**Read John 18:4-8 and John 2:13-17.** How do you see Jesus' strength in these passages? In the first passage, why did the mob that had come to capture Jesus fall down? In these readings, what elements of bravery do you see in Jesus? In his followers? How do we bring together the gentleness of Jesus with these images of a cause he is fighting for?

Wednesday—Today's readings will focus on finding a cause worth fighting for. **Read Nehemiah 4:1-18.** What was the cause worth fighting for here? **Read Matthew 25:32-45.** What in this passage might be a cause worth fighting for? From this reading, how important is it to Jesus that we find a cause worth fighting for?

Thursday—**Read Acts 8:3.** This brief passage points to a man who has chosen to fight for the wrong cause. Saul, later called Paul, began to seek out and destroy followers of Jesus. When he finally found the right cause to fight for it changed the world. What are examples from your life of fighting for the wrong cause? The right cause?

Friday—**Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 and Ephesians 6:11-18.** What do these passages tell you about the preparations a warrior must make? Are you missing any pieces of armor?

Prayer Concerns

Serving in the military:

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Cyle Haywood
Jesse Smith
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Matthew Peak
Stephen Leadbetter
Richard Hurst
James Lesmeister
Jon Arnold
Jason Lewis
Joshua Walker
Chris Palmer
Jeff Foust
Michael Norvell
Wally Warber

Kristin Carter
Grant Meador
Greg Addington
Sanford Fogg
Health & Healing:
Jr. & Carol Skelton
Shawnda Purdy
Pete Gancel
Shirley Oxendine
Terry Newan
Charles Horn
Cancer Treatment:
Easton Murdock
Sonja Davidson
Tony Allen
Joyce Pace
Joey Walker
Rod Clifton

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Makayla Markus
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Tim Green, Jr.
Amber Welborne
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