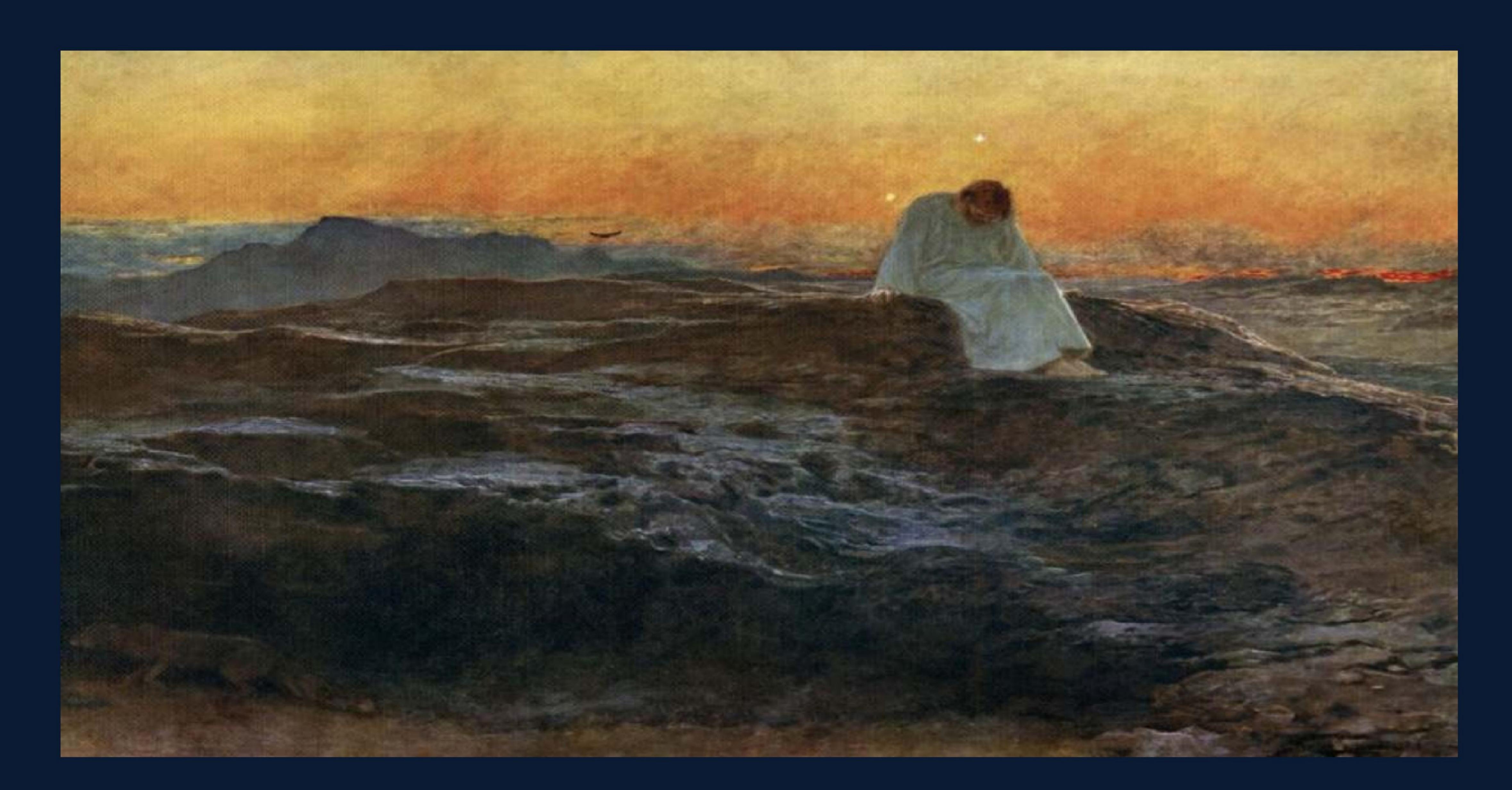




#### Ephesians 6:10 – 12

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. 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.

#### Jesus in the Desert

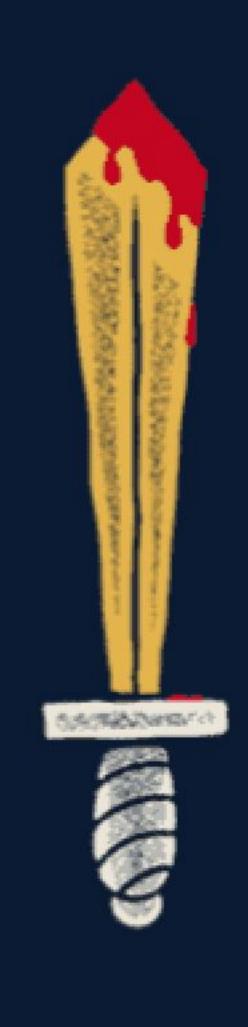


# Facing the real enemy requires us to be well prepared.



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## We must understand the source of our power

Ephesians 6:10

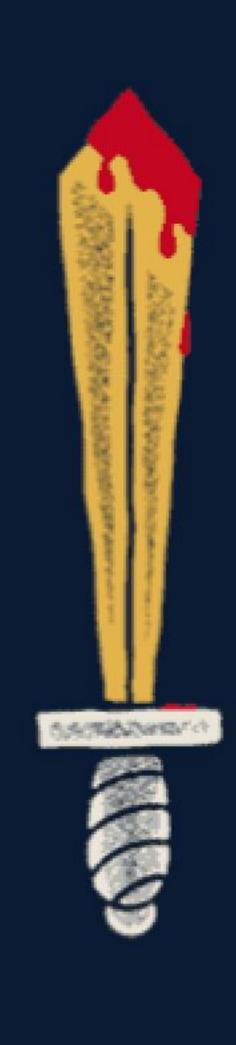
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Be humble (4:1–3)
Be in fellowship (2:19-23)
Be in the word (6:17)
Be in prayer (6:18–19)
Be fully engaged (Col. 3:17 "And whatever...")
Be thankful (5:20)
Be joyful (5:19)
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Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against rulers, against the authorities, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

But this can be challenging... 2 Corinthians 4–5 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riot; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger.

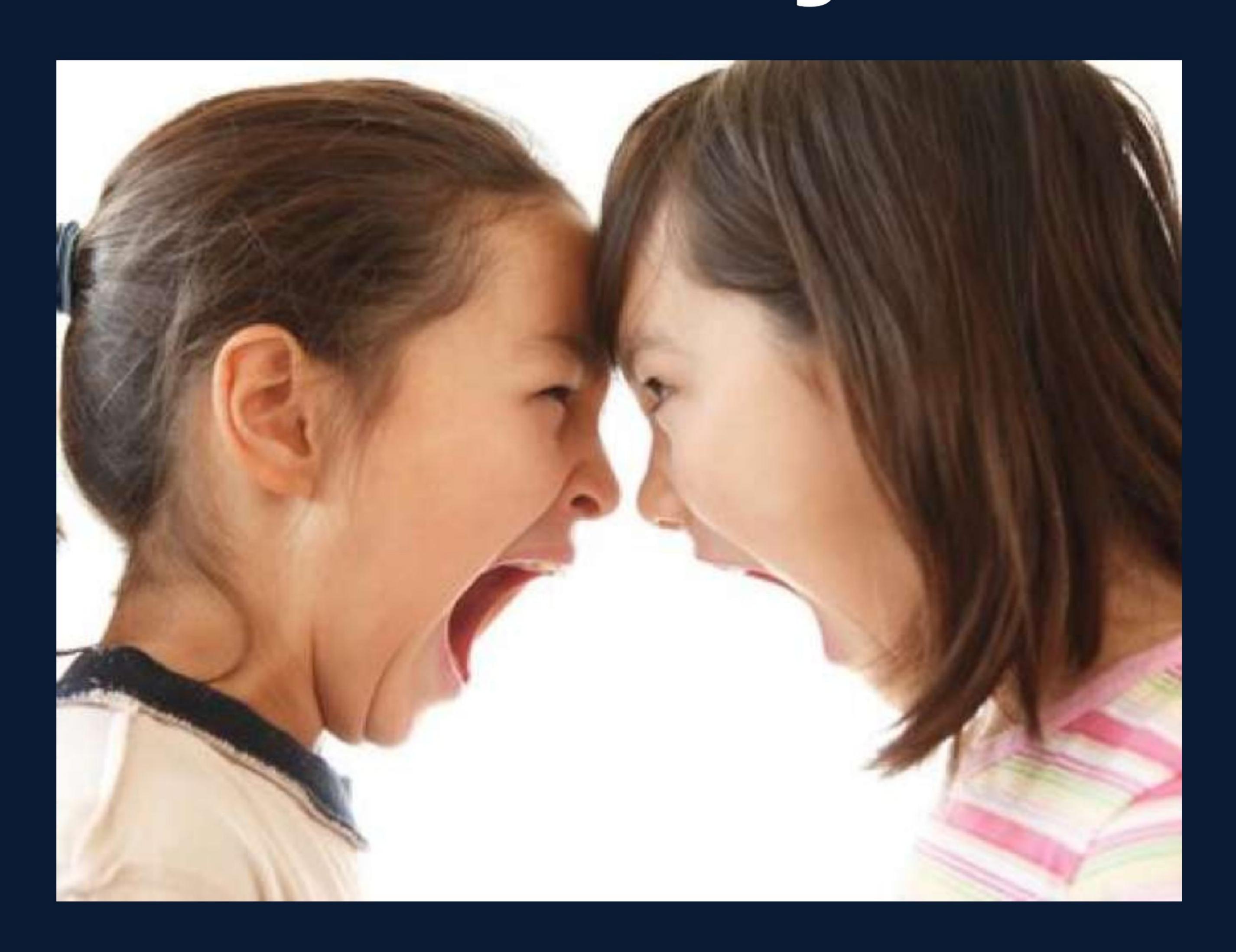
#### Ephesians 2:1-3

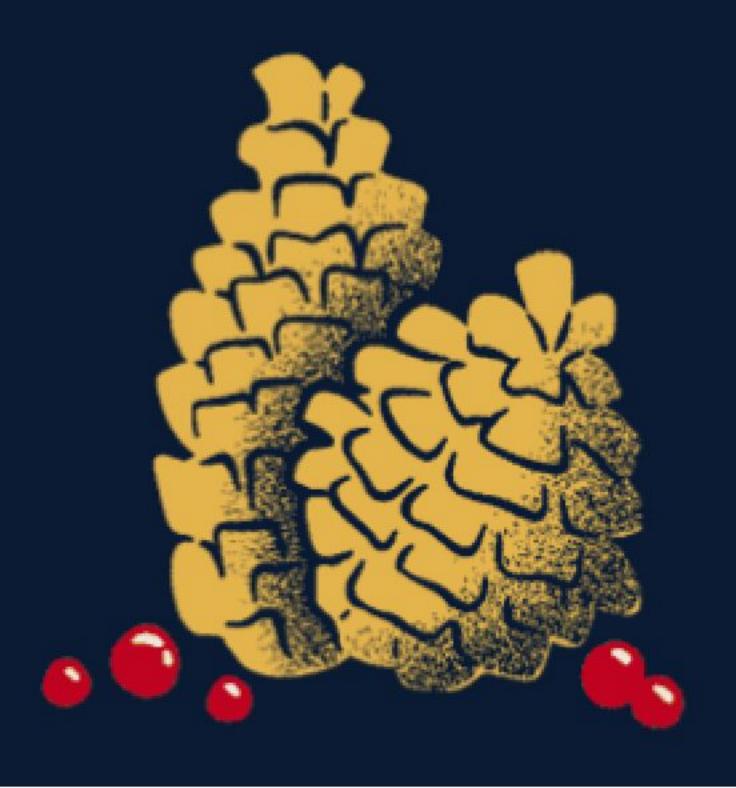
As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of the flesh and following its desires and thoughts.

Satan, the father of sin, is more dangerous than any of his subjects. He is the spirit that works in the human actors.

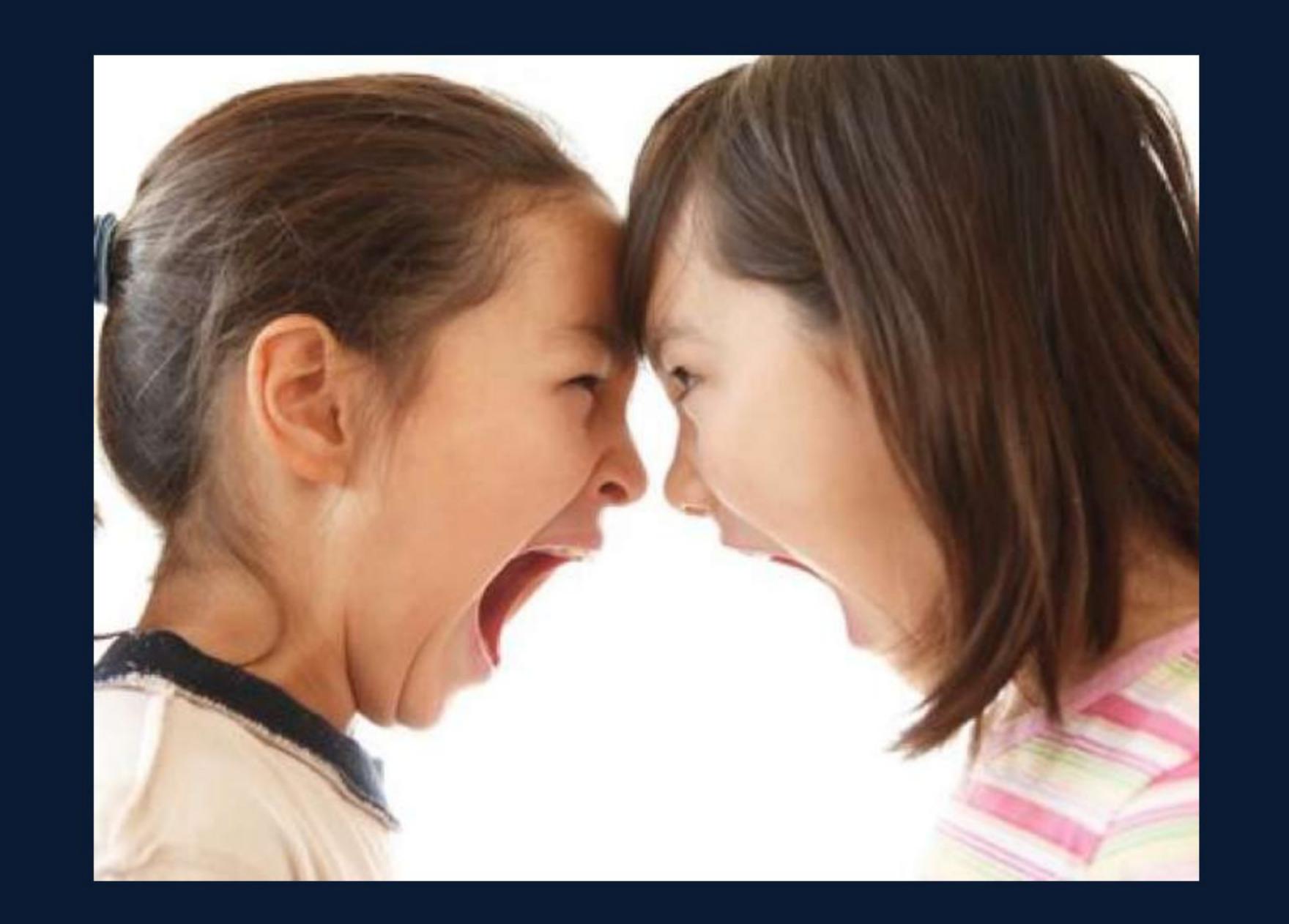
Acts 26:17-18

"I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that thy may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."





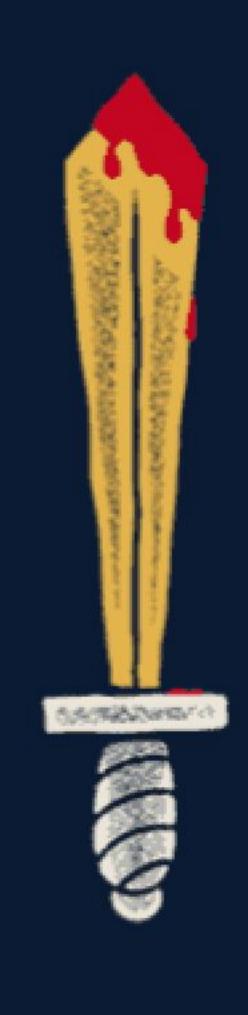
- You will see people as those to be won over and fight differently.
- You will wear them down with love, not beat them down with your fist.





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Ephesians 6:11
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#### We must take a stand against the devil and his schemes

Satan's goal Destroy your 1 Thess. 3:5 faith

Satans Weapon

Doctrine/Lies 2 Peter 2:1-2

Your Armor Truth 2 Cor. 10:3–6

## We must take a stand against the devil and his schemes

Satan's goal

Divide the church

Eph. 4:27

Satan's weapon

Pride

1 Timothy 3:6

Your Armor

Righteousness/ Humility

Eph. 4:2-3

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Satan's goal Destroy your James 1:13–15 testimony

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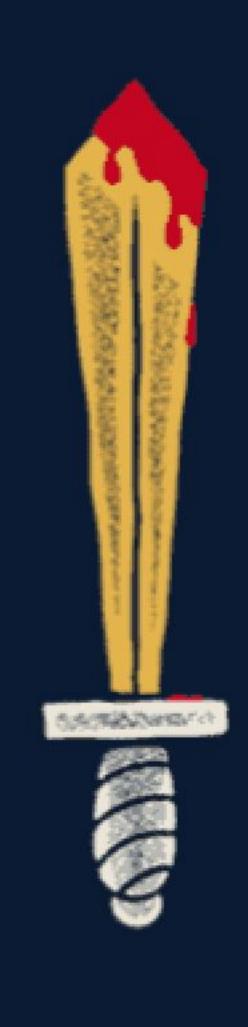
Temptation Genesis 3:1-5

Your Armor

Righteousness/ Self-control 2 Peter 1:5-7

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Colossians 2:13-15

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive in Christ. He forgave all us all our sins... And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

