

Dark Forces: A Specific “Scheme”

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Community:

1. What is your favorite movie that has a “*good vs evil*” plot line? Why do you think those types of stories are so popular?
2. Do you feel the tension between good and evil in your daily life? If so, where?

Core:

1. **Read Ephesians 6:12.** How do you feel the struggle mentioned in Eph. 6:12 the most in your life?
2. Jim Burgen taught that Satan is *not* the opposite of God. Is this a new truth for you? What does it mean to you—knowing that Satan isn’t the opposite of God? Does that change your level of trust in Jesus?
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 2:11.** What do you think it means that we are not *ignorant* or *unaware* of Satan’s *schemes* or *designs*?
4. **Read Ephesians 6:10.** What does it look like for you to be *strong in the Lord*? Do you do this well? What’s the hardest part of being strong for you?
5. **Read Ephesians 6:11.** Paul writes that you are to “*take your stand*”. Where do you find yourself (in this battle) having to take your stand the most? Why do you think that is?
6. **Read Ephesians 6:12-17.** Which of these pieces of armor described here do you find yourself using the most? Which one do you struggle with the most and where do you think you’re the most vulnerable?
7. Where have you been deceived; believing something different than what God says is true about Himself, His promises, and what He’s said about you?

Challenge:

Read Genesis 3:1-5 and Ephesians 6:10-17 every day this week and write down what are the usual *weapons* Satan uses against you—his very *specific* scheme against you. Ask yourself, “What can I do to strengthen my weakest areas? What can I do to really know who God is and what He promises me? Then, get out your *sword* (the Word of God) and read what God says about yourself...and what He says is true about you?”