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Meditation

Attacked

Do you ever feel attacked? Maybe someone is coming at you for some reason — attacking you for what you did do or, maybe, didn't do. Somehow you did not meet their expectations, or, maybe, they just have it out for you for an unknown reason. There are times when we could look at these situations and scratch our heads, trying to grasp the reason why we are so disliked or mistreated.

Have you ever considered the devil is attacking you through this situation? Whether we want to admit it or not, we are living in a battle, a spiritual battle. We know Christ has already defeated death, devil, and the grave. We know God could end this all in a matter of seconds, but still the war wages around us. We are fighting not against the rulers and powers of this world, but against evil.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm (Ephesians 6:10–13).

We are to be strong in the Lord. When looking at a military campaign, how many people are involved? In today's day and age, it is rarely one-on-one combat. If we were to battle evil on our own, we would surely be overtaken every time. However, through the strength and power of God, we are able to stand firm and fight evil for God's purpose and glory.

Just like the devil uses earthly situations to bring us to the edge of sinning or to struggle with our faith, God can use many people, situations, and even media to bring us closer to Him. During a recent struggle, I heard part of a sermon online when scrolling through social media, and it hit me like a ton of bricks. God used the recorded message of a man from months, maybe even years ago, to speak life into my situation, bringing me back to the Truth — Jesus.

God surrounds us with His Word, fellow believers, Christian writings, churches, pastors, and, even, strangers who help us grow in our faith in Him.

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