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Spiritual Warfare is the battle for the heart, where the Truth we believe intersects with the righteous life we live.

Spiritual Warfare is won when Truth believed is aligned with Righteousness lived.

The adversary has no issue with Truth until it is believed. He has no issue with Righteousness until it becomes a living weapon, expressed through the lives of believers who resolve that nothing can change or conquer what they know is True about their life's nature, identity, and destiny. The believer's success in spiritual warfare is sabotaged when the Truth they believe is disconnected from the Righteousness they live.

The Breastplate of Righteousness is provided to believers as an active piece of defensive and resistant armor. It protects the heart, resists the attacks of the adversary, and equips believers to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. (**Ephesians 6:14; Romans 6:13**)

Righteousness is viewed as a weapon employed against unrighteousness. It defines the "Upright" as the visible exhibition of the Just who live by Faith. As a noun, Righteousness is the Identity of God expressed in the life of believers. **2 Corinthians 5:21** says, *"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

Coupled with the prophecy of Isaiah, we are able to make our boast in the **Positional Righteousness** we possess. Positional Righteousness is the right standing we have been given by God by Faith!

Isaiah 54:17 says, *“No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me,” declares the Lord.*

As a lived reality, righteousness upholds what is right and preserves the integrity of those who have been justified by God. This is the life of **Practical Righteousness** we live that flows from our Right Standing in Christ.

Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

The adversary knows that not all Truth made available is always agreed with or acceptable to believers. From your lane of life, at what point does available Truth become effective Truth?

Our adversary is the chief opponent of effective Truth. Luke 8:12 tells us, *“Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.”* Unbelieved Truth has no power in it, but believed or believing Truth possesses the power to deliver one from all Deception leading to Error.

Our adversary, the devil, is on a mission to prevent Available Truth from becoming agreeable, acceptable, and applicable Truth in our lives.

From previous sessions, we know that the adversary wages war through Error and Deception to disconnect us from Truth, but God equips us with the Breastplate of Righteousness, which is sealed through the Gospel of Justification and expressed through the Gospel of Sanctification to guard our hearts, empowering us to stand against the wiles of the devil.