



Understanding the War
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**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.**

EPHESIANS 6:12

Mass shootings, senseless murders, ethnic violence, racist harassment, genocide, abuse in many forms - these evil atrocities fill the news. How do we look at the moral depravity and abounding corruption across the world and not feel hopeless about the present and future of our world?



Continuing our thoughts from the last newsletter, we don't want to be prayer worriers, but to **be prayer warriors**. We lay down our worries and hand them over to God, leaving them with Him, and then asking God's Spirit to guide our prayers. Undoubtedly, we will be led to praise Him for His omniscience and almighty power - which takes us from dwelling on the horrific things of the world, but focuses us on His faithfulness, His care, His will and the Hope we have in Jesus.

**"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.
The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.
On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.
We demolish arguments and every pretension
that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,
and we take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ."
2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

As we praise God and declare His salvation through Christ Jesus in prayer, we are standing firm in our warrior positions in this war against Satan and his demons. Through prayer we are able to call on God's spiritual armies to fight the evil forces in the spiritual realms. And in this, there is hope eternal, for we know victory is God's.

This is how we are able to be hopeful about the present and future of our world! -

**Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12**

So, as we read the news or even endure some of these tragedies, may we understand the war taking place and engage as a prayer warrior, and be testimony of the hope we have in Christ.

IN ALL THIS YOU GREATLY REJOICE,
THOUGH NOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE
YOU MAY HAVE HAD TO SUFFER
GRIEF IN ALL KINDS OF TRIALS.

THESE HAVE COME SO THAT THE
PROVEN GENUINENESS
OF YOUR FAITH—
OF GREATER WORTH THAN GOLD,
WHICH PERISHES EVEN THOUGH
REFINED BY FIRE—
MAY RESULT IN PRAISE,
GLORY AND HONOR
WHEN JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED.

1 PETER 1:6-7