

# When Spiritual Warfare Hits Home

*For the Win, Week Seven*

Welcome to week seven of *For the Win!* And Happy Mother's Day!

I want to take just a second to **thank you** who are Moms in the house. You pour your life into your kids, and there is no greater investment you can make on earth!

What do spiritual warfare and Mother's Day have to do with each other? A lot...

Satan has declared war on your family - one of the fiercest battles happening in the heavenly realms is being fought over the status of the family - of *your* family!

- We see it on a **cultural** level.
  - There are battles over the nature of truth.
  - Over sexuality and gender identity (there is the illusion that what matters most is our sexual orientation rather than our gospel orientation - are we properly oriented to the absolute authority of God as Creator?)
  - Over the role of parents in the lives of their kids.
- We see it on the **household** level.
  - Here in Benton and Washington Counties, we have one of the highest divorce rates in the state of Arkansas.
- We see it on an **individual** level.

**Because your family is at the center of an intense spiritual conflict, it's vital that you be committed to the fight!**

*And by the way, I want to commend so many moms who are absolutely **fierce** in their tenacious defense of their families. You fight well!*

Jesus talked about the kinds of threats that come at us from every angle, and he gave us the answer to the question... **how do we remain standing against the onslaught of the enemy's tactics?**

### **Matthew 7:24-27 NLT**

<sup>24</sup> Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. <sup>25</sup> Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. <sup>26</sup> But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. <sup>27</sup> When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.

**It's all about the foundation!** And the foundation is **Jesus!**

I just want to give you - moms and dads, husbands and wives, single people who may be married someday - three big challenges as you do battle every day to defend your family from spiritual attack...

## **1. Know who HE is.**

JESUS is the foundation! And there isn't any other.

- You've gotta know that the Father is good and he is sovereign.
- You've gotta know Jesus as Redeemer and King.
- You've gotta know the power of the Holy Spirit.
- You've gotta know that the Bible is God's Word and it can be trusted!

## **2. Know who YOU are.**

We don't have the luxury of simply deciding who we'd like to be or allowing culture to tell us who we are. We discover our identity when we understand we were created in God's image, to reflect his image to others. And that when we know Jesus we are re-created to show the world who our Savior is! Our identity should be firmly attached to what God has revealed in his word about who we are!

### **3. Know what you're here to DO.**

You're on a mission! We're not here to serve ourselves or strive for happiness. We're here to raise another generation that will faithfully know, love, and serve Jesus and live out God's purposes!

We're here to raise up a missionary force to carry the good news of the gospel into every inch of the world and tell every creature about the goodness of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ!

We've got work to do.  
We've got a fight to win.  
And it will be worth it!