

And Kow To Fight Back



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We believe every person has a *next step* to take. We are here to help you discover and take yours.

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Do you want to get baptized?
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# EVERYONE EVERYWHERE FOLLOWING JESUS

# PRAYER

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# **Q&A: THE WAR YOU'RE IN**

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We are at war. It's not a fair fight. In Christ, we can win.

James 1:5

Q1: "How can Christians wisely and biblically navigate Halloween, movies, music, and entertainment when so much of it includes occult, witchcraft, and unbiblical themes?"

Romans 14:3, 14

### Reasons to Be CAUTIOUS About Halloween

Ephesians 5:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:22

#### Ways to PURPOSEFULLY Redeem Halloween

Matthew 5:14, 16

Q2: "What powers does the enemy explicitly have? And where do we see his powers described biblically?"

Mark 5:1-20, Mark 9:17, 22, 1 Timothy 4:1, Revelation 16:14, 2 Timothy 1:7, Genesis 3:1-5, James 2:19

Q3: "What impact does our embodied nature play into spiritual warfare? In other words, how important is it to be in a physical community? Are we at greater risk if we are more physically isolated from other believers?"

Your body is not just a cage for your spirit, it's a gift from God that He will perfectly restore in Heaven.

Job 19:26-27

God created you for community which is why Satan wants to isolate us. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

**Q4:** "As someone who has PTSD from abuse, how can I know whether a fear is coming from myself or from the devil?"

Psalm 56:3-4

Q5: "Are there guardian angels or personal demons?" Hebrews 1:14

Q6: "Is it ok to rebuke demons, or should we not speak directly to evil spirits in that way?"

Mark 1:25-26, Mark 6:13, Acts 16:18

**Q7:** "Is it wrong to force our kids to come to church and will that help or harm their future relationship with Jesus?"

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

**Q8:** "Could you explain what really happens at the Bema Seat and how that understanding should shape our perspective on serving Christ today?"

### Two Very Different Judgment Days:

- For the unbeliever in Christ: The "Great White Throne" will be a moment of judgment in the presence of Christ where unbelievers will be filled with regret and will receive what they chose while on earth-a Christ-less eternity (Revelation 20:11-15).
- For the believer in Christ: The "Judgment Seat of Christ" (bēma) will be a celebration of their salvation from God, an evaluation of their faithfulness to Him, and a rewards ceremony for their service to Christ (1 Corinthians 4:5, 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- 2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Corinthians 4:5, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Q9: "How did Jesus die for our sins if we weren't even born yet?" Romans 3:23 Romans 6:23

# REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

- **1. REFLECT:** How did God specifically speak to you through the Bible passages and sermon?
- **2. DISCUSS:** Read James 1:5. In what ways has God helped you face spiritual battles with His wisdom and Word?
- **3. DISCUSS:** Read Acts 16:16-40. Battling in the spiritual realm can be powerful and sometimes costly. How have you experienced Satan and his demons attacking you and how did you experience the power of Christ in the midst of it?
- **4. DISCUSS:** What questions do you still have about the spiritual war you are in and what steps are you going to take to get biblically sound answers to those questions?
- **5. PRACTICE:** What is one thing you believe God wants you to do in response to all He has shown you throughout our spiritual warfare series and how will you follow through on that?

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