

Petersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church

"Wrestle"

2-28-16

CTW: I Samuel 17:41-47

READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

AGD: Have you ever fought or wrestled with someone? Exhausting

- We wrestle. Are you wrestling? Are you exhausted?
- "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might"

Full armor of God

- Allows you to "resist in the day of evil" temptation, suffering, trials and to persist and to stand
- Belt of truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Booted with the Gospel of peace
- Shield of faith
- Sword of the Spirit—Word, Jesus, Prayer

Pray

- at all times
- in the Spirit
- pray for the protection of others
- pray for Church leaders

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

- Tannis-bulletin
- Easier to see spiritual attacks happening to others
- remember behind every immoral or destructive human behavior is a spiritual force

Here is what is at stake:

- Your well being, that of your loved ones, your nation and your church
- The armor of God protects you but with the Sword of the Spirit we go on the offense
- Break down strongholds—it was a praying church that broke down slavery and is doing the same with abortion
- Pray in the Spirit—not always with words/cognitions—lean in and lean on Christ

CLOSE

We must wage war.

We must be strong in the Lord (as opposed to depending on any other authority)

We can be strong in the strength of His might—that takes knowing Him and being in intimate fellowship with Him (prayer, Bible reading, church, devotions) get personal and get real and get to wrestling.

[Practice—think of a great evil or threat—name the evil force behind it—pray]