

SERIES TITLE: FIRE AND STEEL – HOW GOD SHAPES MEN

WEEK 2: The Fight – Why You Can't Afford to Sit This One Out

Text: Ephesians 6:10–13; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Timothy 2:3–4

Big Idea Summary: Every man is in a battle—whether he admits it or not. You were not made to spectate. You were made to fight. But this fight isn't physical—it's spiritual, and it requires full armor, full focus, and full surrender to the Commander.

1. You Are Already in the Fight—Act Like It

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. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God,..."

Ephesians 6:12–13a¹ (NIV)

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

2. You Are Not a Civilian—You're a Soldier

Endure hardship... like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs... **2 Timothy 2:3–4 (NIV)**

"The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training—sacrifice. In battle and in death, he discloses the highest devotion—he dies that others may live."

— **General Douglas MacArthur**

¹ All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise stated.