**THE WAR IS REAL**

**We live in the midst of a spiritual war.**

* Isaiah 14
* Genesis 3
* Romans 5

**It is a war that we cannot see.**

* Ephesians 6:12

**Spiritual warfare works much like the wind.**

**THE WAR IS FOR YOU**

**You have an enemy who goes by several names.**

* Satan (or Adversary) (2 Corinthians 11:14)
* Lucifer (or Son of the Morning) (Isaiah 14:12)
* Beelzebub (or Chief of the Demons) (Matthew 10:25)
* Devil (or Slanderer) (1 Peter 5:8)
* Liar & Father of Lies (John 8:44)
* Enemy (1 Peter 5:8)
* Tempter (1 Thessalonians 3:5)
* Murderer (John 8:44)
* Prince of this World (John 14:30)
* Accuser of the Brethren (Revelation 12:10)
* Lawless One (2 Thessalonians 2:8)
* Evil One (1 John 5:19)

**He wants to entice your heart, soul & mind by . . .**

* Attacking you (Ephesians 6:12)
* Planting doubt (Genesis 3:1-5)
* Blinding you from God’s plan of salvation (2 Corinthians 4:4)
* Lying and deceiving you (John 8:44)
* Promoting division (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)
* Tempting you to sin (1 Chronicles 21:1)
* Promoting false religion (2 Thessalonians 2:9)
* Inflicting disease (Job 2:7)
* Accusing you (Zechariah 3:1)
* Persecuting you (Revelation 2:10)
* Preventing you from ministering to others (1 Thessalonians 2:18)

**Ultimately, he wants to destroy you, your relationship with God and everything good in your life. (1 Peter 5:8)**

**THE WAR IS WON**

**The PENALTY of sin has been paid for and death has been overcome through the cross of Christ and His resurrection (Hebrews 2:14-15).**

**The POWER of sin is overcome through . . .**

* The Word of God (Psalm 119:9, 11)
* Prayer (Ephesians 6:18)
* Biblical Community (Hebrews 3:13)
* Humble Obedience (James 4:7)

**We will ultimately be freed from the PRESENCE of sin at the Second Coming of Christ (Rev 19:11-16 & 1 John 4:4)**