

When the enemy attacks...

FIGHT or *Flight*



A POC Mini Series

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Introduction

As Christians we are in a battle or war. . .and our enemy is Satan. He may appear to be a formidable opponent; however, surrender for Christians is **NOT** an option!

Satan has a mission, and his mission is directed toward us. He sets out to steal, kill and destroy our lives. He takes his mission seriously and puts all of his energies into the execution, no pun intended, of his battle orders to seek and destroy us. Satan's attack manifest itself through 3 distinct ways: the world, the devil, and the flesh. If the assaults on our existence were blatantly overt, then this class may not be needed. But Satan employs a very cunningly covert operation which requires that we spend time getting prepared for battle.

Satan uses the temptations of the world, much like a master fishermen. He puts a beautiful bait out there for us, but it has a deadly hook in it that is designed to kill us. But we are often so enamored with the bait that we go to take a bite. . .and then the devil has us hooked! This is why we should run, flee, or avoid the bait, also known as the temptations of the world. We can't directly fight it. . .we can only avoid it. We need to identify the escape. . .don't bit, don't nibble. . .because you are bound to get hooked! Very sneaky!

The method of attack is varied and constant. Like a tag team wrestling match, the enemy always has a fresh, well rested replacement ready to enter the ring to devour you. Our enemy doesn't fight fair, and all three entities are so willing to get at us that they'll all jump into the ring simultaneously! Three against one: the world, the devil and the flesh all against you. Yes, this is a serious fight, and we DO need to get ready, get ready, get ready!

We must fight!

In general there are three biblical responses that we should engage in based on the 3 manifestations of our enemy. We'll be able to utilize a masterful combination of tools to deny the flesh, put on the whole armor of God in order to resist the devil, take advantage of strategically crafted escape plans, and to rely on the overall strength and power of the Lord and His might.

In this series we will get equipped and adequately prepared to fight the battle, and come to recognize that this battle is really not ours but it's the Lords. We must learn to fight it in His might and not our own. We'll deal with real, tangible ways to conquer not only our new foes, but also our long time, arch enemies that have been plaguing us for years. We will cover a process by which to deny the flesh. In session three we will examine in detail how to gear up to ward off or resist the onslaught, vicious attacks from our adversary, and finally we'll learn how to avoid taking so many punches.

