



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Nehemiah

Serving God by Steering Clear of Trouble

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

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In this life as Christians we should expect spiritual opposition. This week we examine what it means to resist spiritual attacks.

Monday: Ephesians 6:11-17

As a believer in Christ we have been given a gift by God. It is called spiritual armor. What is it to be used for? What is the difference between spiritual armor and what a literal soldier might have worn? Today, read through the various pieces and explain what you would use them for. What part of your Christian life are they protecting? The belt of truth. Sandals of the Gospel of peace. The breastplate of righteousness. The shield of faith. The helmet of salvation. The sword of the Word of God. As you consider each piece, prayerfully put on that piece of armor to start out your day. Lord, today I put on the armor of God. Help me wear it to defend myself against our spiritual enemy.

Tuesday: John 8:39-47

Who did Jesus talk to in this passage? Why did He accuse them of being children of the devil? Who is the father of lies? Why does he use lies against people like you? What is an earmark of a true follower of Christ? What does that tell you about those who have no love for Jesus? Is there any truth in the devil? As the father of lies, how have you felt his accusations? Can you identify a lie that you have been believing that according to God is just a lie and is not really true? What is a Bible truth that you can counter the lie and trust God to help you believe it?

Wednesday: 1 Peter 5:8-11

If you have ever watched an African watering hole, the animals do not ignore their surroundings, sticking their heads in and drinking deeply. Their ears are twitching, alert to any noise. Their eyes are roaming, keeping track of any movement. What is the spiritual lesson? What gives a lion an advantage over its prey? Why do we need to stay alert? Why does the lion stalk silently, but then just before leaping on its enemy roar? What does a roar do to an animal right next to it? In what ways does the devil stalk you? Where are you vulnerable? Has he set aunty traps for you? Why might you fall into one of his traps? Today, ask God to

alert you if there is danger stalking you. Check your surroundings and steer clear of any temptations lurking about.

Thursday: Ephesians 6:17

As you have read through all the pieces of armor in this Ephesians 6 passage about spiritual armor, are they defensive armor or offensive armor? There is one piece that is for offense. What is that piece? What is the difference between offensive and defensive armor? When looking at the Word of God, it is important to understand that it is not referring to just one verse. It is every verse. All of scripture. It can be likened to an entire armory of weapons. Why is it important to have an understanding of many passages? Using scripture against the lies of the devil is a way to resist the devil. Today, speak scripture aloud to combat temptation and lies you are feeling. Why aloud? Because only God can read your thoughts. "Lord, sharpen my understanding of Your Word to cut through deception."

Friday: James 4:1-8

What causes quarrels between Christians? What is the difference between selfish and selfless attitudes? As you look at your life, is there anything that is being a friend to the world? As God reveals what that is, how does that oppose God? What does God do to oppose that according to vs. 6? Today, submit yourself to God and His will. What is your prayer life like? If it is just praying for a general blessing or for the healing of a neighbor's sick cat? While there is a place to pray for needs, there is so much more for which God wants you to be praying. How do you submit to God in such a way that will actively resist the devil's attacks in your life? What happens when you resist the devil with Scriptural truth in regards to your fears or sinful inclinations? Today resist the devil in your prayer time.

Saturday: Psalm 91; 1 Corinthians 15:57

Where is a safe refuge when you are under attack? Why do you think that the shadow of God is protective? How is God a fortress? In what ways does God provide protection? Thank God today for a God who owns the battle of your soul. Who has won the victory over sin? How did Jesus do this? Spend some time today resting under His sovereignty. Then stand solid and strong, knowing that He has already won the war with the enemy. Thank Him, that when it comes to spiritual battles, you are fighting from a position of victory.