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SPIRITUAL WARFARE

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

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Warfare
Pt 1**

The Battle

Ephesians 6:10-12

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**"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Here I am Lord, Send Me!" -- Isaiah 6:8**



Occupy Til I Come

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Occupy

-Does Not Mean-

⌘ *Take Up Space*

-It Does Mean—

⌘ *Take a Stance*

⌘ *Be Productive*

⌘ *Take Back Lost ...*

...Ground / Property





We Are In A Battle

**We Are In A Battle
Between What's Right And Wrong
It's Only If You Follow Jesus
Are You Able To Stand Strong
Only Then Can You Overcome
Only Then Can You Defeat
The Powers Of The Darkness
And Put Them Underneath Your Feet**

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Artist Unknown**



This Means War!!!

We Are In A Battle

There is a War Waging...

It's a Terrible War of Eternal Proportions

- **We Can Reject It**
- **We Can Rename It**
- **We Can Resist It**
- **We Can Recognize it...**

...and Refuse to Do Nothing!!



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**BE ALERT
AND OF
SOBER MIND.
YOUR ENEMY
THE DEVIL
PROWLS AROUND LIKE
A ROARING LION
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
TO
DEVOUR.**

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This Means War!!!

This is More Than a War...

Over Absolute Power over the World,

...but for Spiritual Domination of the World

It's More Than a War...

Over Land Disputes or Material Gain,

...but for the Souls of Mankind

It's More Than a War...

...against the Taliban or Extreme Muslim Radicals

...but Against the Rulers of Darkness and

Spiritual Wickedness

*Even though I walk through the
of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
Psalm 23:4*



Recognize the Battle

*...walk through the
of the shadow of death.
I will fight
for you*

☐ **Wrestle**

⌘ ***Hand to Hand Struggle***

⌘ ***House of Combatic Sports***

3 Types:

☐ **Boxers**

☐ **Wrestlers**

☐ **Pankratists**

⌘ ***Shows Intensity***

⌘ ***Shows Seriousness***

THE ENEMY IS NOT FIGHTING
YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE

WEAK.

THE ENEMY IS FIGHTING
YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE

A PURPOSE.

UNASHAMED
IMPACT

Recognize the Battle

❑ Against

⌘ *Forward position*

⌘ *Face to face encounter*

Shows...

➤ **Engagement**

➤ **Involvement**

No Neutral Ground

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Luke 11:23 (KJV)

²³ He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

**YOU ARE
NOT FIGHTING
FOR A VICTORY ...
YOU ARE FIGHTING
FROM VICTORY!
VICTORY IS
ALREADY YOURS.**

PRISCILLA
SHIRER

YOU ARE
NOT FIGHTING
FOR A VICTORY ...
YOU ARE FIGHTING

Recognize the Battle

Warning

- ✓ **Be** (*now-constant*)
- ✓ **Strong** (*infused w- inner ability*)
- ✓ **In the Lord** (*found one place*)
- ✓ **Power** (*overwhelming – irresistible*)
- ✓ **Might** (*strong arm*)



STRONG
IS WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU RUN
OUT OF WEAK.

Recognize the Opponent

❑ ***Not against flesh and blood***

Transfer of Authority

Adam > Satan > Christ

4 Categories...

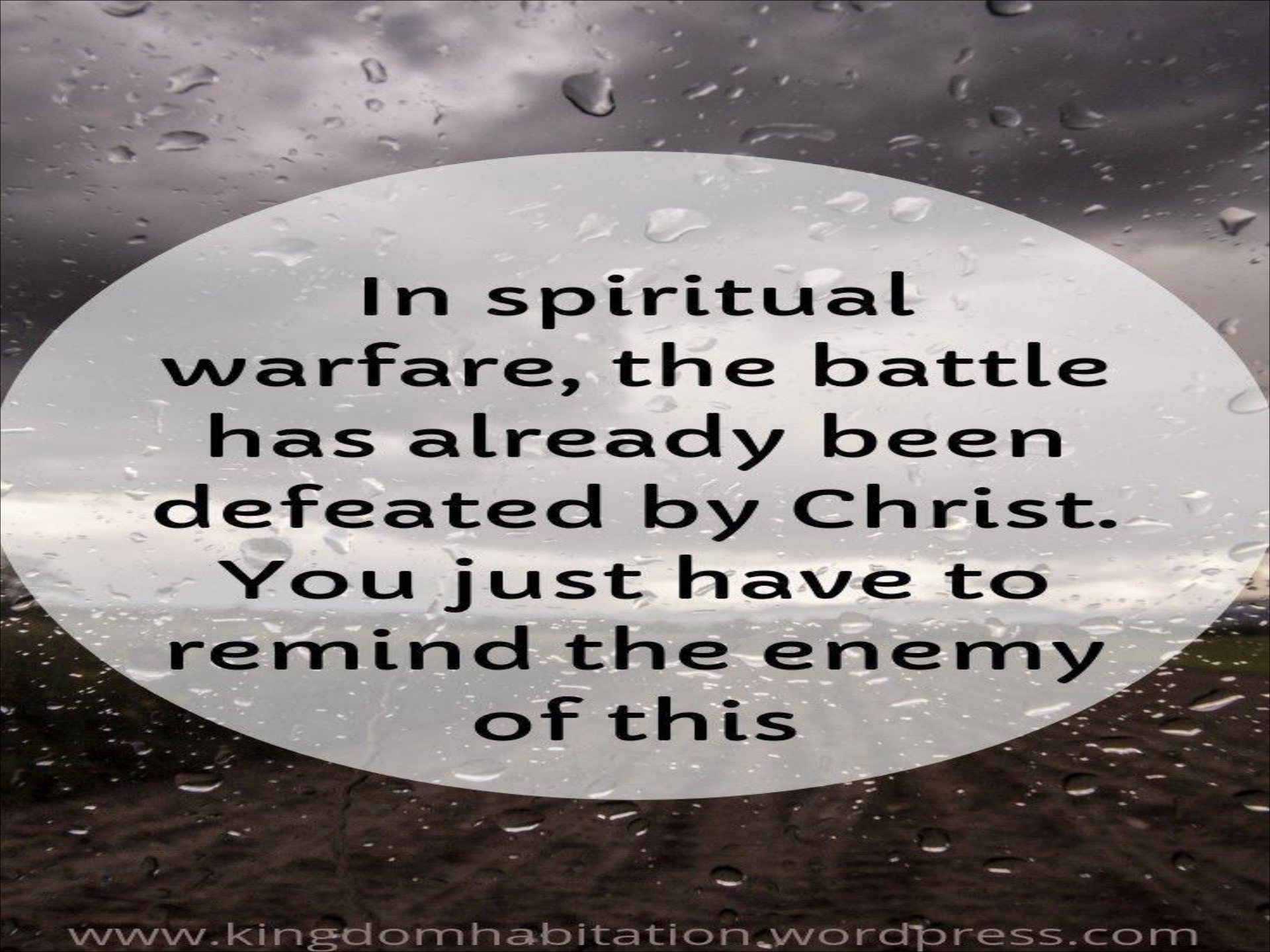
- **Principalities** (*ancient –chief*)
- **Powers** (*delegated authority*)
- **Rulers** (*order/ arrangement –raw power*)
- **Spirit. Wickedness** (*vile, vicious, malignant*)

**BE STRONGER
THAN YOUR
STRONGEST EXCUSE**

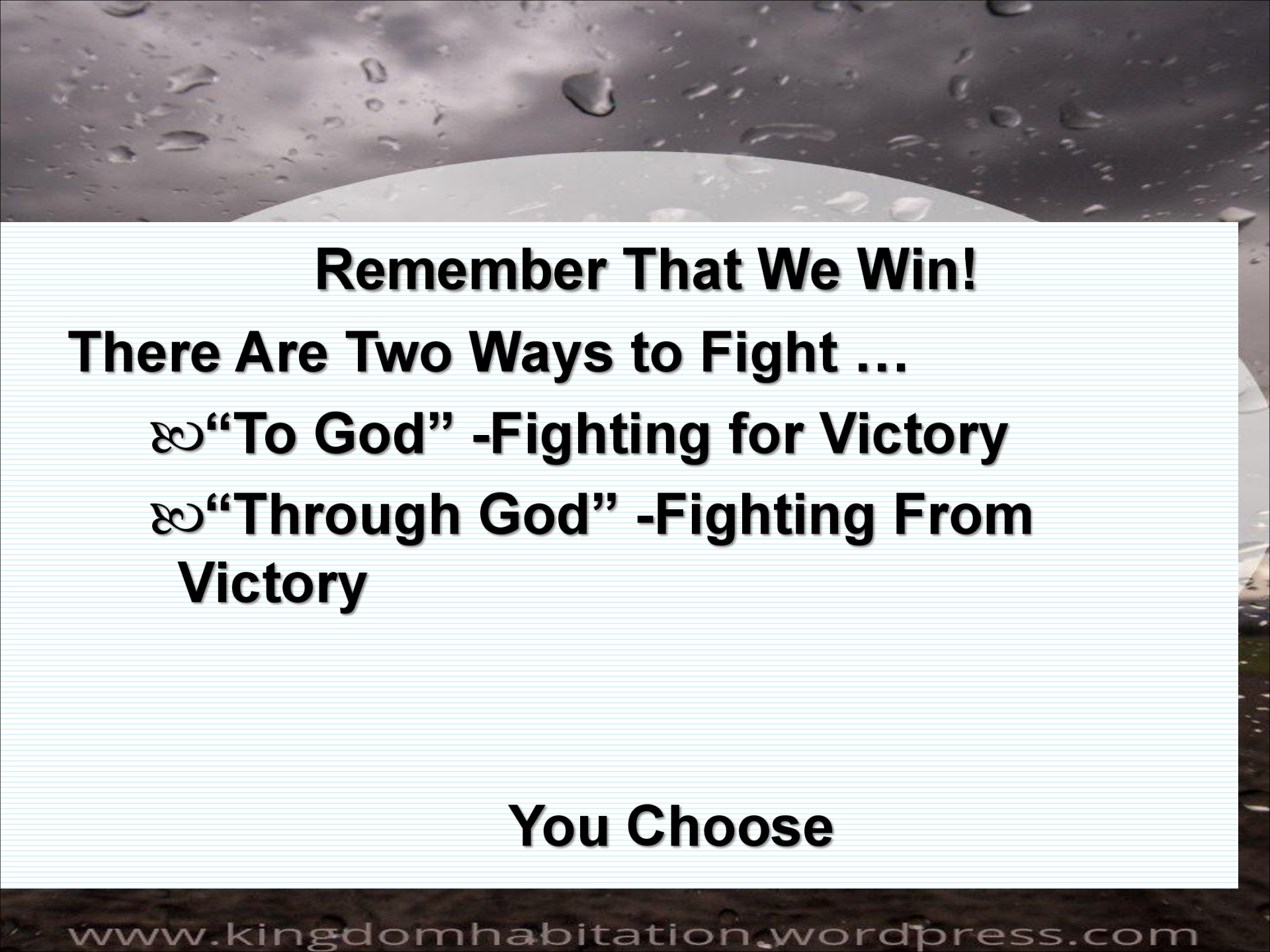


Recognize the Battleground

- ❑ **Mind** (*your thought process*)
- ❑ **Matter** (*what matters*)
 - ⌘ **Family**
 - ⌘ **Church**
 - ⌘ **Friends**
 - ⌘ **Workplace**
- ✓ **Use Them as a Target for an Attack**
- ✓ **Use Them as the Attacker & One of the Above...**
...is the Target !
(*usually w-out their knowledge or permission*)



**In spiritual
warfare, the battle
has already been
defeated by Christ.
You just have to
remind the enemy
of this**



Remember That We Win!
There Are Two Ways to Fight ...
✪ **“To God” -Fighting for Victory**
✪ **“Through God” -Fighting From
Victory**

You Choose

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