



## “DRESSING FOR

## WAR”

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This morning, as I was praying, I felt impressed to send out a word of warning and encouragement. As I sat before the Lord I sensed he said: **"Because you want to divorce the spirit of Baal (this is a reference to a sermon by Dutch Sheets which we listened to at RCF last Sunday morning - see link below to listen to it) and be remarried to Me, Satan is angry and has unleashed an attack on the marriages and relationships within RCF. His goal is to wound, divide, and destroy. Guard your heart, your words and your ways. Make the difficult but right choices throughout your day. Protect and honor one another and do not give the Enemy any foothold in your life, family, or your home."** Whether you are married or single, it is possible you have felt the unleashing of this attack already.

I recall watching movies like Braveheart and Gladiator. The archers would line up opposite one another and draw back their arrows. As they released these primitive weapons of war the sky would be peppered with hundreds of small but deadly projectiles. Had only one flaming arrow been launched perhaps none of the enemy would have been wounded or killed. But there was not just one arrow sent flying but hundreds shot simultaneously, resulting in massive casualties.

Last week I wrote in an attempt to heighten our awareness regarding the spiritual battle we are engaged in on a daily basis. I know, that on an intellectual level, we agree with that statement. However, is it possible that we do not live as though warfare is a reality and so we give it a casual nod of recognition. If you were to ask me, "Is spiritual warfare real?"... I'd say, "absolutely". But if I believe so strongly that this is true, why then don't I prepare every morning for that battle before greeting my family or leaving my home? Could it be that I intellectually believe in the reality of spiritual warfare but I am not convinced it will make any real difference in my life throughout the day. It seems reasonable to conclude that if I truly believe, deep in my soul, I that it exists I would not allow myself to enter this spiritual war zone for one moment without being fully equipped and on high alert.

Imagine for just a moment that you are a US soldier waking up somewhere around Baghdad. The air is crisp, the sun is bright, and not a cloud is in the sky, so you think this is a great day. Then a thought pierces your mind and shatters your tranquility and you think - "I'm about to leave what seems to be relative safety and I'm going to step into an arena where Sunni insurgents, perhaps a man, woman or child will attempt to destroy my life without fanfare or warning." Just think how your thoughts and focus would immediately shift.

Would we not begin going through your checklist: helmet, vest, ammunition, rifle, etc.. There is no doubt we would. ourselves for battle because we exists and his only objective who have accompanied us into their goal and to secure and our world prepared, equipped, know we're in a deadly war. We're not simply entering a



We would begin our day preparing fully understand that a very real enemy is to destroy us and those who have battle. To prevent them from achieving ensure our victory, we move out into and ready. Why? Because you and I This is no game, no training maneuver. digital world of computer generated

**soldiers, like when you turn on your X-Box. We are entering another day of war. It's for real. It's about life and death. This requires fighting the good fight, every day.**

**What's at stake is Freedom! Victory! Life! Not only for us but for those will follow after us. The next generation. Our children and grandchildren. During this season guard your marriage and friendships. Be jealous for them. Fight for righteousness and justice. Do not succumb to the tricks and schemes of the Enemy. Resist the devil and he will flee!**

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