



WINTER 2020



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II. Re-read verse 10. Where is our strength to do battle found? (Note <u>Joshua</u> <u>1:9, Psalm 31:1-5, Proverbs 18:10, Isaiah 12:2, Philippians 4:13, 2 Corin-</u> <u>thians 12:9-10</u>) How is prayer a way we can connect with God's power and strength for our lives? <u>Ephesians 1:18-20; 3:16-19</u>.

III. In verse 11, Paul tells us to stand against the devil's schemes. The word scheme is strategy in the Greek text. (Note <u>2 Corinthians 2:11</u>) As a group, suggest some of the strategies Satan uses against Christians to make them fall.

IV. Read verse 12-13. Notice the four things we struggle against. What are these? People? Demons? A hierarchy of the devil's schemes? Other? What does Paul mean by the day of evil? Has that day come yet? Are there more than one day of evil? Notice Jesus' temptation in the desert in *Luke 4:1-13*. After the test, Satan left Jesus for a time. Take to heart God's promise for you in *1 Corinthians 10:12-13* as you finish your group.

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