

# Look at the Book

Scripture Triad: II Corinthians 10:3-4; John 18:36; Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

## Fighting: Two Tactics

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

### How Not to Fight

John 18:36  
(NIV)

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

### How to Fight

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### Probing

1. Circle each piece of the armor in the "How to Fight" scripture.
2. Sketch a person wearing all five pieces of armor (and label the pieces).
3. Which piece of armor do you think is most needed in your community?

#### To Do Alone:

4. Sometimes you fight battles inside yourself, and sometimes the battles you fight are outside yourself. What is your fiercest battle right now? You don't need to share this with anyone right now. Instead, reread the scriptures above and pray to God about this battle as you read.