

KANEOHE Discipleship Guide

Message Title: **"How a Family Fights"**

Series: "Family Matters" | Week of June 25-July 1, 2017

Main Thought:

Life's most precious relationships last and flourish when we don't accept the division that exists and instead we choose to fight for our relationships. Who we fight, how we fight, and why we fight can make all the difference. We fight an enemy who seeks to divide and destroy marriages and families. Thinking that we will succeed without God will always lead us into failure. Rather, scripture shows us that engaging in prayer, remembering God's promises, and remaining persistent to what God instructs us to do will always lead us on the path to victory.

Main Passages:

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication..."
(Ephesians 6:12-18 ESV)

"Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.'...In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."
(Nehemiah 4:14, 20 ESV)

Reflection:

- What especially stands out to you from the main thought and the Bible passages?

Application:

- Share a time when you were able to apply insights from today's discussion to a real life situation. What happened, what did you learn, and how has it influenced both parties?
- What is one takeaway from today's discussion that you can focus on the most?

Group Prayer:

- Pray for the truths from today's discussion to gain traction in the important relationships of group members.
- Pray for God to touch a specific friend or loved one to respond to your invitation to group or church. Pray that they would come to know Christ personally.
- Pray for any serious needs a group member may have.



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