

Jars of Valor

2 Corinthians 10:1-18

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As Jesus followers we are involved in the ongoing war between God and Satan.

- I. Our objective is to liberate (not obliterate) enemy troops (1-6)
 - A. Tearing down Satan's strongholds – *"...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."* (Matthew 16:18)
 - B. Tearing down Satan's arguments

- II. Our weapons are not of this world (4)

"Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out." (Ephesians 6:13-18 The Message)

- III. Our fight is not with other Christians (7-11)
 - A. Building up other believers
 - B. Fighting beside other believers

How can we be busy fighting against Satan and liberating his troops if we spend our time fighting each other?

- IV. Our goal is to please our Commander (12-18)
 - A. At our post
 - B. On our task
 - C. For His Glory

So What?

- Rest is for Heaven...while we live and breathe here on earth we are at war.
- We are not fighting for Calvary Memorial...we are fighting for God and His glory.
- Every new Jesus follower is one less person available to fight Satan's battles.