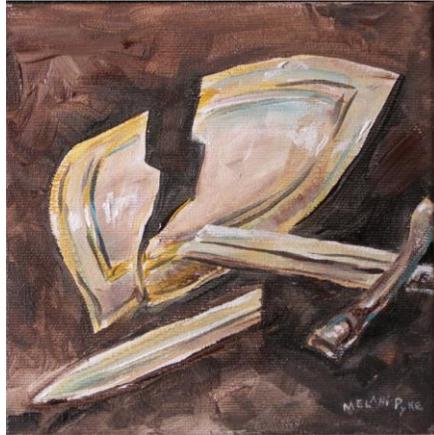


## HOW SPIRITUAL IS OUR SPIRITUAL WARFARE?



Broken Weapons by Melanie Pyke

“We’re living in a war zone,” says the preacher.

And we all shout, “Amen!”

But which war zone is the preacher talking about? Does he mean the war taking place in the realm of spirit, the war between Darkness and Light?

Or is he talking about the political war raging in our land?

Many believers are so heavily engaged in the political war, that they are losing the battle in the spiritual war.

Many Christian leaders are so invested in the political war that the powers and principalities have taken over their lives.

**In spiritual warfare we do not contend against flesh and blood.**

*For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

*Ephesians 6:12*

Spiritual warfare requires the armor of God,  
not placards and shouts and self-righteous screams.

Spiritual warfare means doing things the way Jesus does them.

Can you picture Jesus organizing a crusade against the Sadducees or the Herodians or the Romans?

Spiritual warfare leaves flesh and blood alone and goes after the unseen powers ruled by the Father of Lies.

Spiritual warfare uses only the armor of God and the weapons of heaven.

*Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (6:13)*



The Armor of Love and Faith  
Signe Sandelin

**The weapons used in spiritual warfare are the direct opposite of the weapons used in the political realm.**

*Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth,  
and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,  
6:14*

We gird our loins with truth and abhor the lie---  
---in ourselves and in those we work with.

**We speak the truth.**

**We live the truth.**

We do not compromise with evil, telling ourselves that the end justifies the means.

Our righteousness is not self-righteousness but the righteousness of the cross of Jesus.

We act as men and women who have been crucified with Christ.

*and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; (6:15)*

The gospel of peace is on our feet.

We don't just talk it, we walk it!

We *“let the peace of Christ rule in (our) hearts,  
to which indeed (we) were called in the one Body”!*

(Colossians 3:15)

*Besides all these, taking the shield of faith,  
with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. (6:16)*



The LORD: Our Shield of Faith: Full of Eyes

Faith, not in “Christian principles” or “Christian values” or “Christian culture”.

**Faith in Jesus.**

**In Jesus alone.**

Faith that not only calls him Lord, but does what he commands.

*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (6:17)*

When we wear the helmet of salvation,  
we think with a mind clothed in the wisdom that comes from above.

We weigh the words we hear from our leaders against the words of our Lord.

Do the words we hear from our leaders sound like Jesus?

The Sword of the Spirit is more than throwing Bible verses at the enemy.

Jesus IS the Word of God.

Jesus is Lord of the scriptures.

The Sword of the Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus.

*“The words that I have spoken to you, they are Spirit and they are life.” John 6:63*

We speak as his Spirit gives us utterance.

And we hold our peace when his Spirit orders us to be quiet.

The real war zone is not found in political rallies, memes and cable news.

The real war zone is at the door of our hearts

**A war we cannot afford to lose.**



Jesus Guides us from Darkness  
Elizabeth Wang

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