



**TITLE:** *"Blockbuster: 'The Patriot'"*

**OPENING QUESTION:** In honor of our 'Blockbuster' theme: If a movie were made about your life, what genre would it be (Action, Comedy, Drama, etc.) and who would you cast to play you?

**Ephesians 6:12**– For our fight is not against any physical enemy. It is against organizations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil.

**QUESTION:** Ephesians 6:12 tells us our fight isn't against flesh and blood. How does that change your perspective when you are facing conflict in your family or community?

**You are already in a war, whether you acknowledge it or not.**

**Satan is currently coming for our COMMUNITY & FAMILIES.**

**1 Peter 3:5**– Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

**Your daily battles:**

**YOU WORLD SATAN**

**QUESTION:** 1 Peter 3:5 warns us to be 'alert and of sober mind.' What are some practical ways we can stay 'alert' to the spiritual battles happening around us in our daily lives?

**Ephesians 6:11-17**– Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Have the belt of truth buckled around your waist and the breastplate of righteousness and have your feet fitted with the gospel of peace. Take up the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



**QUESTION:** The passage mentions putting on the full armor of God. Which piece of the armor (belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, etc.) do you feel like you need to 'put on' most intentionally this week, and why?

**You can not negotiate with the enemy!**

**QUESTION:** We discussed that 'you cannot negotiate with the enemy.' Why do you think we are often tempted to try to bargain with sin or spiritual darkness rather than resisting it?

**James 4:7–** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**Read Matthew 4:1-11**

**There is one side that has already won. The only question is: Where are you standing?**

**Romans 8:31–** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**QUESTION:** Romans 8:31 reminds us that if God is for us, who can be against us. What specific situation in your life right now needs to be viewed through the lens of God already having won the victory?

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5–** For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

**1 John 3:8–** Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

**Revelation 17:14–** They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.

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## CLOSING QUESTIONS:

**QUESTION:** Based on our discussion today, what is one specific 'stronghold' or area of your life where you need to move from 'negotiating' to 'resisting' this week?

**QUESTION:** Who is one person in your life that you can encourage or support this week to help them stand firm in their own battle?

