

Message 4



At War? LIVE IT UP!

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it **TO THE FULL**.” John 10:10

(fully; more abundantly; till it overflows; a rich and satisfying life; more and better lives than they ever dreamed)

A quick review of the previous messages: **SUIT UP!** (be prepared with God’s armor); **POWER UP!** (we will only succeed if our power is in God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit); and **STAND UP!** (holy resistance; hold your ground with courage).

The final piece that brings spiritual victory is to **LIVE IT UP!** in the face of satanic schemes demonstrating to a skeptical world that “real life” is only found in trusting God, following Jesus, and being filled with the Holy Spirit!

As *Hebrews 12:28* says, “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.” Also, read *Hebrews 10:36-39*. The late and renown preacher John MacArthur wrote “You may be frustrated by our nation’s immoral agenda and its animosity toward God, but you can be confident that even now Christ is building His church!” Now is the time for all disciples of Jesus to **suit up, power up, stand up, and live it up** to claim the ultimate victory over the Evil One and to show the world the pathway to eternal life! Here’s what it means to experience this abundant life in the midst of spiritual warfare...

1. UNDERSTAND AND NEVER FORGET SATAN’S AGENDA IS TO

_____ and _____!

Before we can fully embrace the abundant life Jesus promises, we must understand the seriousness of the enemy’s work. Satan doesn’t care about your comfort. He doesn’t play fair. His goal is to render Christians useless and powerless in order to rob up of joy, hope, peace, security, and purpose. Sometimes, it is subtle: a creeping sense of doubt; anxiety that clouds our decisions; or divisions in relationships that shouldn’t exist. Sometimes, it much more obvious: strong temptations; hurtful attacks; or overwhelming discouragements.

He is relentless! **BUT...** here is the truth: Satan is _____! *Colossians 2:15* – “Jesus disarmed the powers and authorities, making a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” This means Satan’s plans are ultimately temporary and his power is limited. He can threaten, deceive, and try to destroy you – but he **cannot claim victory over you** as you “walk in the light.” So, don’t be naïve. Don’t underestimate his influence. And don’t fight in your own strength! But do the following...

2. EMBRACE THE _____ JESUS PROMISES!

Jesus says that’s the reason He came! Jesus doesn’t offer a bare minimum. He isn’t giving us a life that is merely one of survival, endurance, or barely scraping by! But rather, one that is _____ with joy, peace, hope, purpose, and abundant spiritual fruit. This is not dependent on our circumstances, but on His unconditional love and grace. It doesn’t hinge on a perfect career, family, health, or spiritual performance. It is rooted in HIM!

3. ABSORB THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES TO KEEP YOU _____ & _____

- *Romans 8:31-39*
- *2 Peter 1:3-11*
- *2 Peter 3:10-14, 17-18*

LIVE PREPARED AND AWARE --- STAND EMPOWERED WITH BOLDNESS --- WALK IN JOYFUL OBEDIENCE