

# Understanding Spiritual Warfare

## Standing Firm In the Battle

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A ten-week study in the  
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“Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.  
Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the  
schemes of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:10-11)

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## Welcome

Welcome to this study entitled UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WARFARE—STANDING FIRM IN THE BATTLE. As we journey through the Scriptures together for the next ten weeks, I trust that you will find much treasure. You will see that there is indeed a battle going on around us, a battle between the people of God and the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. This battle is territorial; it's about a land that is intimately connected to the Christians' heavenly calling. It is an *unceasing* battle, and a *personal* battle. God has given us everything we need in order to be victorious in it, but we must understand what is at stake if we do not succeed. This study is about just that.

I have made every effort to center each and every day's study on the Scriptures, being careful and diligent to seek the Lord's direction with every keystroke. I received much help from Cindy Zeigler (both in doctrine and grammar) while under the pastoral care of John Herbert. I have read and studied Arlen Chitwood's books, and continued (and still continue) to seek God's face unceasingly. The Holy Spirit is the Great Teacher, and so it is our responsibility to stay under His care above all. He leads and guides us into all truth.

This study is intended to be used by groups that are already familiar with other UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE studies by Cindy Zeigler, and it is recommended that you go through the BIBLICAL SURVEY before beginning this one. This study draws from the knowledge taught in it.

The format of this study is much like the others in the series, although there are no accompanying video lectures to be used in the group setting. Instead, there are audio CD messages for each week's lesson, by Pastor John Herbert, that can be used instead. There are many ways to use them: each person can have their own copy to listen to throughout the week, the CD message can be listened to within the group setting each week, or the CD's can simply be optional. The important thing, though, is that you do your workbook homework each week, whether you listen to the CD or not. Nothing can take the place of diligently searching through the Scriptures, so *please* do not skip this important part. You will learn the deep things of God from God's Word and God's Word *only*. His Word is life and truth.

I am very excited to share this study with you, and I pray that you will hear God's voice throughout, and that His Word transforms you, each and every day.

Study well.

*Jeanne Alley*

