

## **AfterThoughts**

**April 25, 2021**

**Sermon Title:** Facing The Enemy That Lurks Around You

**Scripture:** [Exodus 17:8–16](#)

This week, Pastor David concluded the current sermon series with a look at our spiritual foes. Specifically, he addressed:

- 1. The Identity Of Our Spiritual Foes**
- 2. The Strategy Of Our Spiritual Foes**
- 3. The Key To Defeating Our Spiritual Foes**

### **Going Deeper:**

1. For the follower of God, life is more often a spiritual battle than a picnic. In those battles, the foe does not fight fair. Like the Israelites' physical foe, our spiritual foe tempts us when and where we are most vulnerable. In what areas of your life are you facing temptations right now?

2. Pastor David shared that the real enemy is not the person who disagrees with the way you think or vote or the way you see the social issues of our day. Instead, your battle isn't against flesh and blood at all, but...against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms ([Ephesians 6:12](#)). How does this truth challenge you? How does it encourage you?

3. The key to defeating our spiritual foe is to trust the power of God working through the Holy Spirit in our lives. In what circumstances are you trusting in your own strength instead of God's power? How can you exercise your faith in God's provision instead?

4. Prayer is central to facing our spiritual foe. Are you facing the battle with your hands raised in a posture of prayer and dependence on God? Are you daily on your knees pouring out your heart to God and asking for protection, provision, guidance, comfort, and conviction? If not, what is preventing you from developing a daily prayer routine?

## **Additional Discovery:**

### **Deuteronomy 25**

### **Ephesians 6:18**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

~ Ephesians 3:20–21

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