



**WEEK 4 FEBRUARY 26-27:**

# When We Fight Like Crazy

## Questions

1. What illustration, story or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Read Ephesians 10-12 aloud. What if your household tensions are more about a spiritual fight than an interpersonal one? Why do you think we may be reluctant to look at spiritual warfare in our homes? What does it lead us to believe about God's goodness and power?
3. Pastor Ron talks about putting on the whole Armor of God from Ephesians 6:10-18. Which ones are easier and harder for you to put on? What are some practical steps you can take to put them all on?
4. Read Ephesians 6:13-18. We are encouraged to follow the example of Jesus in forgiveness and reconciliation, to live out the gospel of peace. When have you noticed it's a struggle to follow Paul's guidance to forgive and reconcile like Jesus? What needs to change to make your path more peaceful?
5. How can/do you outdo one another with love, honor, and respect instead of an abundance of fighting?
6. How is God actively working in your life right now, using the shield of faith, to help you where you feel attacked? How does prayer play a part in maintaining your shield?
7. Proverbs 13:10 says that pride leads to conflict, but those who take advice are wise. In order to avoid conflict, what can you do to prevent pride from swelling up in your heart?
8. In Ephesians 6:18 it says, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." How can you pray for someone that you have been or are currently at odds with in your life?

## Scripture References

Read Proverbs 13:10, Proverbs 15:18, Proverbs 20:23, Proverbs 25:24, Ephesians 6:10-12,14-17,18



## Takeaways

- An abundance of fighting can indicate a severe absence of submitting to one another with honor, love, and respect.
- What if your household tensions are more about a spiritual fight than an interpersonal one?

### 7 Steps to Bring God into the Fight & Kick the Enemy Out!

1. Keep God's truth at the center of any issue.
2. Protect your heart by owning your own walk first.
3. Rush to follow the way of Jesus in forgiveness and reconciliation.
4. Cover any attacks with the belief that God is actively working.
5. Think about what God's done for you AND your sparring partner.
6. Trust God's Word as your only weapon.
7. Pray constantly for His help.

## Weekly Action Step

Write down the verses describing the Armor of God and then pray over each one, asking God to "armor you up" this week clothed in all that is described in the passage.