

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Not long ago, I saw a heavyweight championship fight. The reigning champion was the overwhelming favorite, and he knew it. There was no way this little-known challenger should ever win this fight, but he did. The challenger was hungry and prepared, and the champion happened to be overconfident and ill-prepared. He was knocked out cold in the fifth round.

Are you prepared for battle? Are you really serious about your commitment to Christ, or are you just going through the religious motions? Are you doing just enough to get by? You don't necessarily feel the heat, and maybe you're just coasting a little bit? Sometimes we don't take the fact that we're in the midst of battle seriously.

In Ephesians chapter 6, verses 10 through 12, we have the sobering reminder that this is not heaven, and we're engaged in a struggle. Listen to these words; “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. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Here we're told the nature of our battle. This is not heaven; this is not home. This is where we are. The earth is a battleground between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light, and we're in the midst of that warfare. We need God's strength for the fight. We don't have what it takes.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Please don't underestimate the power of our opponent. We must be prepared. Now our confidence and strength is in the Lord. Stand in His strength, and there is no way you can lose.