

Behind the Scences

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Opener

Share an experience in which you suspected that unseen spiritual forces were wreaking havoc.

Read

Daniel 10

Ephesians 6:10-17

Engaging with God in a Group

1. In Daniel 10, Daniel had a revelation. The vision caused him to mourn for three weeks. Daniel prayed and waited for an answer. How would you react if you had been given such a vision?
2. The revelation's details were very real. The angel told Daniel that he had been fighting the prince of the Persian kingdom for three weeks. How have you imagined the spiritual forces in the unseen realm?
3. Angels and demons are active and real beings. We see that they can have charge over specific geographic areas. Have you ever encountered a place that just "felt" evil? Describe this to those in your group.
4. Look up these passages describing angels. What do you learn about them?
 - a. Genesis 19:1-15
 - b. Numbers 22:22-35
 - c. Judges 13
 - d. 1 Chronicles 21
 - e. Psalms 34:7; 35:5-6; 78:49; 91:11; 103:20
 - f. Luke 1
 - g. Acts 12
5. Go to Bible Gateway and search the bible dictionary for angel and demon. Share what you learn. What can you find out about the difference between an angel and the angel of the Lord?

Engaging with God Daily

1. The angel called Daniel highly esteemed (10:19). When you are afraid, how do encouraging words help? Remember, in Jesus, you are also highly esteemed, have peace and strength through the Holy Spirit.

2. The battle is spiritual. How can you trust God when you recognize that the battle that you are in may be spiritual?
3. How might you respond differently in your life circumstances if you were to respond in faith, instead of engaging in the spiritual battle?

Closing Thoughts/Prayer

Satan's nickname is the accuser. He will do everything he can to distract you from your relationship with God and your loved ones. The battle you are in is only half the story. But you don't need to fear. God's angels fight on your behalf.