

## Going deeper

As Christians we are not called to wage holy war in the literal sense (cf. Matthew 26:50-54). And yet, we are part of a spiritual war. In this passage, Paul uses battle imagery, to encourage us to use all the resources God puts at our disposal to win the fight.

## Read Ephesians 6:10-20

4. Where are we to find our strength for life on the frontline?
  
5. Who is our battle really against? (cf. 1 Peter 5:8-9)
  
6. What do the different pieces of armour in 6:14-17 correspond to?
  
7. When, how and what are we to pray?
  
8. Why does Paul ask for prayer for himself? What did he see as his frontline battle? What can we learn from his example (cf. Philipians 3:17)?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

## Growth Team News

This week Growth Team sheets are back to normal. Over the next two weeks we will be looking at a couple of prayers from the Bible as part of an occasional series recurring through the year.

The focus of this week's study is Exodus 17:8-13. You may like to read Exodus 1-18 to help remind yourself of the context before you meet.

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**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## Prayer for the Frontline

*Exodus 17:8-13 (page 75)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

1. Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_

2. Prayer often \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prayer doesn't \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting to know each other

❖ What is your favourite war or action movie?

## Responding to the talk

1. What was the most helpful reminder from this week's talk?
2. The Staff: Read Exodus 17:8-9.
  - a. Read Exodus 4:1-5,17. What is the purpose of the staff?
  - b. Read: Exodus 7:8-13; 7:17; 8:16; 9:23; 10:13; 14:16; 17:5. When Moses mentions the staff in 17:9, what should we be expecting to happen next?
  - c. Do we need a magic staff to fight life's battles? Why not?
3. The Battle: Read Exodus 17:10-13
  - a. Who played the most important role: Joshua, Moses, Aaron or Hur?
  - b. How does this passage show us that prayer is essential to our frontlines?
  - c. How does this passage show us that we often need support from others for prayer?
  - d. Who does the passage say, overcame the Amalekites (17:13)? When is prayer not enough?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

## Applying it to our lives

**(Please turn the answers to these questions into prayer!)**

9. What frontline situation do you most need others to pray for you?
10. Who can you ask to pray with you? Do you need to improve the way you pray with each other as a Growth Team? Are there other ways such as prayer triplets that people could use?
11. Are there any areas in your life where you are using prayer as an excuse for inaction?