



LESSON 6 // FIGHT RIGHT

Big Idea: To leave a strong legacy you must know when and how to fight certain battles. This starts with being a peacemaker—not looking for a fight but only fighting when it’s forced on you. Then you need to fight for the right reasons, fight the right way and be a “wise winner,” humbly thanking God for victories and trusting Him for the future.

Matthew 5:9 (NLT) *God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.*

Romans 12:18 (NIV) *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Ephesians 6:11-12 (NLT) *Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV) *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

Genesis 14:16 (NCV) *Then Abram brought back everything the enemy had stolen, the women and the other people, and Lot, and everything Lot owned.*

Start Talking:

Do you tend to be more of a “peacemaker” or a “fighter”? Why do you think that’s the case?

Start Thinking:

Read Matthew 5:9 and Romans 12:18. Why is it often hard to be a peacemaker in relationships? What are the benefits of being a peacemaker?

Read Ephesians 6:11-12. Why is it so important to know that our fight is not against any person (a “flesh-and-blood” enemy) but against “evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world”? How should this impact the way you approach challenging relational issues?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:4. What are “the weapons we fight with” as believers in Jesus?

Read Genesis 14:16. How did Abraham respond when he “won” in the situation with Lot? How should you respond when you “win” a fight that you were forced to engage in?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for the Lord to forge a peacemaker’s heart in you and to give you practical wisdom for responding in a godly way to conflicts. Look for opportunities this week to “throw water rather than gasoline” on the fire of a potential fight. Practice making peace wherever you can and see how God will bless you and others around you!