Same Demons. Different Day.
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// **Bible References:** Genesis 6:1–4, Matthew 10:32–39, Ephesians 6:10–11

// **Community Question:** When you are faced with different opinions, perspectives, or you learn something new. Do you like to ask questions and dig deeper, or do you tend to stick to what you already know and stay comfortable?

// **Discussion Questions**

1) Jim reminded us that our daily struggles are not simply against flesh and blood (Eph. 6:10-11), but that a real spiritual battle is happening around us. What does it look like to rely on the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to help you discern what is from God and what is not?

2) In Genesis 6, Jim highlighted how spiritual rebellion contributed to the spread of wickedness through idolatry, violence, sexual immorality, and other destructive behaviors. Where do you see the same patterns showing up in our culture today? How does this understanding of the depth of humanity's brokenness help you better recognize our need for Jesus and the victory He won over sin?

3) Jim talked about the image of Christians wearing imitation armor and carrying plastic weapons rather than being equipped for the spiritual battles we face. When you look at your own walk with God, are there areas where you have become passive, comfortable, or more focused on appearing faithful than actually growing in your relationship with Jesus? What would it look like to begin actively putting on the armor of God described in Ephesians 6?

4) In Matthew 10, Jesus reminds us that following Him will not always be comfortable or accepted by the world around us. In a culture that often encourages us to accept every belief or perspective, how do we stand firm in the truth of Jesus while still loving people well? Where might God be asking you to stand more boldly for His truth, especially when it comes to protecting and leading the next generation, even at a personal cost?

// **Challenge:**
This week, identify one area of your life where you've allowed comfort, cultural influences, or passivity to take priority over God's Truth. Spend time in His Word, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what needs to change, and take on a practical step towards living out your faith with greater courage and obedience.

// **Prayer:** Lord, help us to put on the full armor of God each day, standing firm in Your truth and relying on the power of Your Word. May we allow the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts, giving us wisdom and discernment to recognize and resist the enemy's deception and schemes. Give us the courage to stand firm in Christ through the spiritual battles we face, and help us intentionally protect and equip those around us to know Your Word, follow You, and stand strong in their faith. Amen.