

# GOING DEEPER

1 Peter 5:8-9

**Read through 1 Peter 5:8-9 before each Going Deeper Study, then look at the specific verses being emphasized for “Going Deeper”.**

## **Going Deeper #1 - Spiritual Battle Part 1**

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:6-10, focus on verses 8-9 (The Enemy)

Take time to slowly read Ephesians 6:10-18. This is one of the most popular scriptures about spiritual warfare. You might have read this verse many times, or you are finding it for the first time with this week’s message. Consider each of the pieces of Armor we are given. How do you think you can use them to “Resist” the enemy.

## **Going Deeper #2 - Spiritual Battle Part 2**

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:6-10, focus on verses 8-9 (Resist)

Take time to read Ephesians 6:10-18, this time focus on verses 17 and 18. The focus is on the Sword of the Spirit and Praying in the Spirit. What do you think it looks like to bring the Sword of the Spirit (The Word of God/Bible) together in prayer as a weapon to resist? How would that practically look in your life?

## **Going Deeper #3 - Fighting Temptation Part 1**

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:8-10 focus on verse 9 (Resist)

Read Matthew 4:1-11. How does what Jesus does reflect what you read and studied more from Ephesians 6:17-18? Could you do what Jesus did? What is Jesus’ example challenging you with for how you need to be prepared to resist when the temptation to sin comes?

## **Going Deeper #4 - Fighting Temptation Part 2**

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:8-10 focus on verse 9 (Firm In Your Faith)

Read James 1:12-14. What do these verses tell you about temptation? Is that how you have thought about temptation in the past. Can you reflect on the last time you were tempted to sin or did sin, how was this process lived out? Reflecting on that, what might these verses be teaching you that helps you take a new strategy when tempted. What do you think it means to be “steadfast” compared to “firm in your faith”?

## **Going Deeper #5 - The Battle of The Mind**

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:6-10 focus on verses 8-9

Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-6. Take all that you have been reading through the other Going Deeper times; how do these verses bring all those things together? What does it tell you about your weapons and what they do? What does it tell you about fighting sin? How can you do what verse 5 says and how does that help you resist sin? Why did God write this verse for you to read today?