

**Big idea: Moving onward into warfare must be preceded by falling downward in worship.**

Read 2Corinthians 1:3-4. Describe the war that you are waging against temptation. Describe the fight you are in for your family.

How real is the spiritual battle that you are fighting against spiritual forces?

**1) When you face your adversary look upward. (13-14)**

How much energy do you put into measuring, calculating, and scheming to win the battles you are facing? How's that working for you?

What happens to you when your eyes are focused on your circumstances?

Read Psalm 121:1-2. What happens when you lift your eyes to the Lord?

Joshua saw God revealed as a powerful warrior ready to fight with a drawn sword. Is this your view of God or do you think of him more like an aging, benevolent grandfather?

Joshua almost made the mistake of fighting against God. How often have you fought against God when he was ready to fight for you?

Have you become discouraged in the battle?

Are you fighting in your own strength?

**2) When you face your commander fall downward. (14-15)**

**Worship is my response of unconditional surrender to who God is and what He has done.**

Read John 4:24. How do you worship God in truth? How do you worship God in spirit?

**Respond in brokenness.**

When was the last time that you got such a view of God's holiness and your brokenness that it brought you to your knees or tears to your eyes?

**Respond by listening.**

What are the evidences that you have a teachable spirit toward God?

When you are facing a battle, do you spend more time talking to God or listening to God? How many days last week did you begin your day quietly listening to God?

**Respond with repentance.**

Is there any thought pattern, behavior, or relationship that God has told you to "take off"?

**Respond with obedience.**

List 3 specific things you will do in obedience to God that you have been putting off.

**Additional Scripture**

- 2Kings 6:14-17
- Daniel 3:25
- Daniel 10:9
- Matthew 17:6
- Romans 12:1-2
- Revelation 7:11
- Revelation 19:11-16