

# Message Based Discussion

## 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

**Life is a Battlefield**  
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**March 12, 2017**  
**Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20**

What did you like about this message?  
What did you find hard to accept or understand?  
What does this message teach you about people?  
What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?  
What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?  
How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?  
Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

### **The Call to Christian Discipleship**

Paul identifies with Christ's character when he entreats his readers. He calls upon the meekness and gentleness of Jesus Christ. Jesus displayed a variety of character traits during His earthly ministry. Consider the short list of the character of Christ from the previous page (read the passages) and reflect on how you identify with Christ's character.

### **The Call to Missional Living**

This passage directly confronts the reality that we live in a fallen world with a different set of priorities than Christ's. We have all been affected by the culture around us. How, then, does Christ affect our culture? What are some ways you are allowing Christ to infiltrate your culture for your neighbor or co-worker to see?

### **Pray**

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1. The battle cry of the Saints (vs. 1-6)
  - Character of Christ (meekness & gentleness)
  - Weapons of our warfare
  - Inclusive loyalty to Christ ("every"!)

## 2. The brotherhood of the Saints (vs. 7-11)

- Confidence in Christ

- Authority = responsibility, not power

- Consistently clinging to Christ

## *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*

By John Piper

“Christ does not exist in order to make much of us. We exist in order to enjoy making much of Him. [To] know the glories of Christ is an end, not a means. Christ is not glorious so that we get wealthy or healthy. Christ is glorious so that rich or poor, sick or sound, we might be satisfied in Him.” (21)



“The glory of Jesus Christ is that He is always out of sync with the world and therefore always relevant for the world. If He fit nicely, He would be of little use. The effort to remake the Jesus of the Bible so that He fits the spirit of one generation makes Him feeble in another. Better to let Him be what He is, because it is often the offensive side of Jesus that we need most.” (93)



## Character of Christ

Humble service (John 13:1-5) ✦ Holiness (I Peter 1:15-16)  
Righteousness (I John 3:7) ✦ Purity (I John 3:3)  
Love (Ephesians 5:1-2) ✦ Forgiveness (Colossians 3:13)  
Compassion (Ephesians 4:32) ✦ Endurance (Hebrews 12:2-4)  
Submission (I Peter 2:21-24) ✦ Kindness (Luke 6:35)  
Humility, obedience (Philippians 2:5-8)  
Generous giving (II Corinthians 8:1-9)