

Spirit Wars ~ Episode 1

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¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him.

This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

*²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. **Ephesians 1:15-23 NLT***

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I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead. **Philippians 3:10-11 NLT**

2. God wants you to live with a daily experience of hope. (v. 18)

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