

# DIGDEEPER

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Battling in Prayer by Dr. Richard Rogers

Ephesians 6:18-20 ([Listen Online](#))

## THE BIG IDEA

Life is a battle, and our enemy is relentless. He uses any number of schemes to keep us from living for the glory of God, but we have been given one activity to be constant in as the battle rages: prayer. As we pray, we remember God's sovereign presence, do battle on behalf of our fellow believers, and set our hearts clearly on the mission of making Jesus known.

**START A CONVERSATION** (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

- Why do Christians pray?

## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Why is prayer the one activity listed after all the armor is described?
- What prayer have you prayed most often over the course of your Christian life? Does the theme of this prayer tell you anything about how you view God or your own life?
- Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you didn't know how to pray or what to pray for? What happened?
- Who are you praying for this week? What are you asking God to do in and through them?
- As we wrap up our study of Ephesians, how would you summarize the contents of the letter for someone who has never read it?

## GO DEEPER

- Consistent, persistent prayer is [the posture of the Christian life](#). We put on the armor listed in Ephesians 6 by praying.
- Our prayer lives can get into ruts of repetition. Here's [a list of things the early church prayed for](#). Use it this week to help you speak with God about things you might have never considered before.
- We are weak creatures in need of God for any good thing. In this chapel message given at Westminster Theological Seminary, Dr. Richard B. Gaffin Jr. explains [how weakness shapes our prayer life](#). Scroll to the bottom for the audio player. It's well worth the time.
- We discussed the need to be mindful of our circumstances and constantly pray for those around us. Here's an example from Scotty Smith on [how to pray for those whose lives have been changed by the recent tragedy in Orlando](#).

## LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

Find a way to be mindful of God's presence and your need for him this week by choosing a simple trigger that you see, feel, or hear on a regular basis. When that trigger goes off, remind yourself of the gospel and set aside one minute to thank God for who he is. Ask him to help you live in a way that glorifies him. Pray for the circumstance you find yourself in and the people right around you.