

A weekend on Spiritual Warfare with Ros Powell



Based on Ephesians 6:11 - 13

'Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms'.

We live in an age when evil has been unleashed against all that is good and holy: against the family life and especially against the precious unborn. We must learn to fight back with the spiritual weapons which Paul tells us about in Ephesians 6. We fight the enemy with the authority given to us from Jesus.

Spiritual Warfare is warring or battling spiritually on behalf of yourself or others in the name of the Lord Jesus. Sister Faustina (Divine Mercy) speaks many times in her writings about the need for spiritual warfare, the Lord told her: *"Prepare for great battles. Know that you are now on a great stage where all heaven and earth are watching you. Fight like a knight, so that I can reward you. Do not be unduly fearful, because you are not alone."*¹

St Teresa of Avila quotes that GOD plus One equals an ARMY and we are all soldiers in the army of the Lord. The Catholic Catechism tells us that "Confirmation is a Sacrament by which we receive the Holy Spirit, in order to make us strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ."² Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are able to claim the victory and power over the enemy as we battle with heavenly weapons of warfare.

During the weekend we will cover:

- Individual warfare. Recognising the spiritual source of many of our problems or difficulties and learning how to battle for our families and our needs when things seem hopeless.
- Corporate warfare. Standing together as a body to claim back the blessings that God intends for us. Praying for our towns, our countries, and our church.
- The place of spiritual warfare in the exercise of your ministry – especially in praying for others for healing and deliverance.

Come to this weekend and learn how to claim the victory of the cross for yourself and others.

¹ Diary of Sister Faustina, number 1760, Marian Press, 1987.

² The Penny Catechism (<http://www.proecclesia.com/penny%20catechism/>) number 262. Accessed 06/01/15