

**Waefeso 6:10-20**

*Dunia ya kisasa inagawanywa kwa wale ambao wamekuwa wakiwa na nguvu za pepo na wale wanaowadhahi kama takataka ya muda. Mtaalamu wowote haina haki kwa ukweli. Licha ya caricatures, uvumilivu, na udongo sana kwamba watu mara nyingi kujingiza juu ya suala hili, kuna kitu kama nguvu giza ambayo inaonekana kuchukua juu ya watu, harakati, na wakati mwingine nchi nzima, nguvu au (kama ilivyo wakati mwingine inaonekana) seti ya nguvu ambazo zinaweza kufanya watu kufanya mambo ambayo hawatakuwa kawaida kufanya (N.T. Wright 2011).*

*Vita vya kiroho vinawezesha hasira yako lakini kwa upendo hurekebisha hasira hiyo mbali na wanadamu na kwa adui ya kawaida. Vita vya kiroho hutupa maono ya jinsi wanadamu wanaweza kuwa mateka kwa vikosi vingi visivyoonekana ambavyo vinatupiga katika mgogoro wa milele (Richard Beck, 2016).*

*Nini tuliyopewa katika Waefeso 6: 10-20 ni mwaliko wa kufanya lugha, imani, vitendo na matumaini ya imani ya Kikristo yetu wenyewe, kama tulivyoweka nguo na tukawaacha wenyewe alama ya kukata na stains na machozi kidogo na patches zilizovaliwa. Kuwa na imani, kuweka imani hizi kufanya kazi, kuwafanya wako, jaribu nao nje. Wapewa sisi ili tuweze kugundua maana ya kweli kuwa sehemu ya kanisa. Nini inamaanisha kuwa sehemu ya watu wanaotumia na kufurahia zawadi hizi na kuruhusu tuwe na kutafakari-wakati mwingine mema, wakati mwingine mbaya, mara kwa mara usio kamilifu - lakini hata hivyo ni mfano wa mwili ulioamilishwa na wa kufufuka wa Kristo (Sam Wells, 2009).*

Nitafanyaje na wengine katika jumuiya yetu ya imani?

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**Wiki ijayo:** Luka 16: 1-15, Mathayo 25: 14-30

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

*The modern world divides into those who are obsessed with demonic powers and those who mock them as outdated rubbish. Neither approach does justice to reality. Despite the caricatures, the obsession, and the sheer muddle that people often get themselves into on this subject, there is such a thing as a dark force that seems to take over people, movements, and sometimes whole countries, a force or (as it sometimes seems) a set of forces that can make people do things they would never normally do (N.T. Wright 2011).*

*Spiritual warfare energizes your anger but lovingly redirects that anger away from human beings and toward a common enemy. Spiritual warfare gives us a vision of how human beings can become captives to larger unseen forces that trap us in perpetual conflict (Richard Beck, 2016).*

*What we've been given in Ephesians 6:10-20 is an invitation to make the language, beliefs, actions and hopes of the Christian faith our own, just as if we were putting on a set of clothes and leaving on them our own crease marks and stains and slight tears and worn patches. Inhabit the faith, put these beliefs to work, make them yours, try them out. They're given to us so we can discover what it really means to be part of the church. What it means to be part of a people using and enjoying these gifts and allowing ourselves to be transformed into a reflection—sometimes good, sometimes bad, seldom perfect—but nonetheless a reflection of the crucified and resurrected Body of Christ (Sam Wells, 2009).*

How will I engage with others in our community of faith?

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**Next week:** Luke 16:1-15, Matthew 25:14-30

**Septemba 2, 2018**

Kuifanya Kuwa Yetu

**MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:**

**Leo:** *Zaburi 1 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

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**Jumatatu:** *Mathayo 23:1-36*

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**Jumanne:** *Mathayo 20:20-28*

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**Jumatano:** *Mathayo 6:1-24*

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**Alhamisi:** *Mathayo 6:25-34*

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**Ijumaa:** *Mathayo 5:1-11*

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**Jumamosi:** *Mathayo 5:13-20*

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Mungu Mwenye Nguvu, Umemtuma Yesu kuchukua asili yetu juu Yake na kuwa kwa ajili yetu Ishara na Mwokozi. Kuwapa kwa nguvu ya Roho wako, Kristo anaweza kuzaliwa ndani yetu leo ili kazi yetu itapendekeze kwako na itasaidia kwa watu wako. Tunasali kwa Jina na Roho wa Kristo, Amina.

**September 2, 2018**

Making It Our Own

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Today:** *Psalm 1 (What is God saying to you?)*

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**Monday:** *Matthew 23:1-36*

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**Tuesday:** *Matthew 20:20-28*

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**Wednesday:** *Matthew 6:1-24*

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**Thursday:** *Matthew 6:25-34*

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**Friday:** *Matthew 5:1-11*

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**Saturday:** *Matthew 5:13-20*

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Almighty God, You sent Jesus to take our nature upon Himself and to be for us a Sign and Savior. Grant by the power of Your Spirit, Christ may be born within us today so our work will be pleasing to You and helpful to Your people. We pray in the Name and Spirit of Christ, Amen.