

**The Battle Begins  
Bloodline – Part 1  
March 30-31, 2019  
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*“But the Lord God warned him, ‘You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.’”*

Genesis 2:16-17

*“And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

Genesis 3:15

- **Jesus Died So I Could Win.**

*“Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.”*

Hebrews 2:14

*“(Jesus) The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”*

John 10:10

*“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”*

Ephesians 6:12

**Since we are all in a battle:**

- 1. How are you preparing?**

*“Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.”*

Ephesians 6:13

- 2. Who are you fighting for?**

- 3. How are you showing your colors?**

*“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”*

Matthew 28:19

**My Next Step:** \_\_\_ I will prepare for battle each day by reading Ephesians 6:14-17 and putting on God’s armor.

## Life Groups Study Questions

### *Taking the Talk to Another Level*

For the Week of March 31, 2019

Life Groups use these questions to dig deeper into what we talked about this weekend as we do life together in relationships. If you're not in a Group you can find out more about Groups and how to get signed up by checking the "Groups" box on your Connection Card, getting a "Groups Brochure" at the Info Center in the Lobby, going to [alivechurch.com/groups](http://alivechurch.com/groups), or email us at [groups@alivechurch.com](mailto:groups@alivechurch.com).

### Connection Points

- Are you competitive? In what ways? Sports? Business? Family? Something else? Tough question: would you rather win or lose?
- June 6, 1944 was D-Day in world War II. It signaled the pivotal turning point for the war as victory became more and more inevitable for the Allies. But the actual victory couldn't be claimed until 1945 in May (VE Day) and August (VJ Day), after a lot more fighting took place. Talk about the similarities of Jesus' victory and these events.

### Quick Review

- Looking back at your Talk Notes, was there anything you heard in the service that particularly caught your attention, or that maybe challenged or even confused you?

### Discussion Starters from the Weekend Talk

Pastor Cody launched our "Bloodline" Series by reminding us, "Jesus Died So I Could Win."

- Read Genesis 2:16-17, 3:15, and Ephesians 6:12.
- Why do you think God put the "tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden in the first place? Why not just leave it out and remove the temptation?
- Genesis 3 details the sin of Adam and "the woman God gave him" (v. 12. She's not named "Eve" until v. 20!). Verse 15 sets up the battle that began, between the woman and her offspring, and the serpent and his offspring.
  - How does it make you feel to know that Jesus ultimately wins the battle by dying for our sins?
  - What kind of "battles" do we face?
  - How did you answer Cody's key questions?
    - How are you preparing (for the battle)?
    - Who are you fighting for?
    - How are you showing your colors?

### Digging Deeper

- Read Ephesians 6:10-18
  - What encourages (and challenges) you about this "armor of God?"
  - When do you feel like you are in a spiritual battle?
  - What steps do you take to "suit up" in the armor of God?
  - If Jesus won the victory, why are we still in a battle?

- Read Romans 7:21-25
  - What battle is Paul fighting?
  - Can you relate?
  - What is the “answer” to the question Paul asks in verse 24?
  - How do you practically apply the truth that Jesus is the victor?

### Taking It Home

- Our Next Step from the Talk is: *“I will prepare for battle each day by reading Ephesians 6:14-17 and putting on God’s armor.”*
  - Read the passage together as a group.

### Pray

- Pray for one another in your Group to intentionally live out the Next Step.

### This Weekend:

- This week we continue our series, *“Bloodline: Why did Jesus Have to Die?”* This week we tackle the questions: *“What was the purpose of Jesus going to the cross and what does it mean for me today?”*
- Easter is almost here. Who will you invite? Check out your Talk Notes (or our App) to see all that is happening during Holy Week. Come and see what God is doing through Alive Church.