

***Six Battles Every Man Must Win***  
**Discussion Guide by *Six Battles Every Man Must Win* author Bill Perkins**

**Chapter 1: Live as Though Nothing Else Matters**

On your own spiritual journey, what kinds of things have you thought would bring you into a relationship with God?

Suppose you were to stand before God and he asked you, “Why should I let you into heaven?” What would you tell him?

Take a moment to read Romans 4:5, Ephesians 2:8-9 and John 3:18. Can you identify what the Bible says about why God should let you into heaven? Do you feel you’ve met that qualification? Why or why not?

Can you say that compared to knowing God and fighting at his side, nothing else matters?

If you lived as though nothing else mattered compared to knowing God and fighting at his side, what would your life look like?

**Chapter 2: The Great Angelic Conflict**

Why do boys often dream of becoming conquering warriors? What were your childhood dreams?

What is the “great angelic conflict”? How do our childhood dreams prepare us for spiritual conflict?

How does life try to convince us we’re not warriors?

What were David’s mighty men like before they met him (2 Samuel 22:2)?

Can you identify with David’s mighty men as they are described in 2 Samuel 22:2? Does it give you hope to know about their background? Why or why not?

**Chapter 3: Stand Your Ground**

How have some churches contributed to the feminization of men? Why do you think this has happened?

Do you think of the church as a place where you can be yourself? Why or why not?

How has our culture taught men to find significance? How has this played out in your life?

How has our culture taught men to medicate pain? Why is this so dangerous?

What did Shammah do in the face of an enemy attack?

Are you ready to stand up to the cultural bullies and fight for what God values? Why or why not?

#### **Chapter 4: Battle One—Fight for Your Identity**

What are the deepest and most painful wounds you've suffered?

How do disappointment and pain adversely affect a man's identity?

In what way can God use your weakness to strengthen your identity in him? (You may want to read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 for additional insight.)

Why is God's strength found in your weakness? How will this prepare you for future spiritual battles?

In spite of the disappointments you've faced, how does God view you?

#### **Chapter 5: Battle Two—Fight for Personal Holiness**

What does the word "holy" mean? How is God holy?

Because God is holy, how does he relate to evil?

How did David's view of God affect his decision not to kill Saul? (Samuel 26:8-9)

How have followers of Christ received the holiness of God (1 Corinthians 6:19; 1 Peter 2:9)? How should this affect the battle for your heart (1 Peter 1:14-16)?

List some ways you can stand your ground and fight for personal holiness.

#### **Chapter 6: Battle Three—Fight For Your Family**

Why do you think Christian marriages are as likely to end in divorce as non-Christian marriages?

How does the story of David and his mighty men fighting for their families affect you? What would you have done if you had been with David that day? Why?

Why should you fight for the heart of your wife (Ephesians 5:26; 1 Peter 3:7)? Why is this sometimes hard to do?

Why is it important, in the battle for the heart of your children, that you bless them? Did your dad bless you? What effect has this had on you?

How can you bless your children? Be specific.

How do you remember your dad? How do you want to be remembered?

#### **Chapter 7: Battle Four—Fight Through Pain**

Why do Christian men tend to hide behind a mask of spirituality?

Which of the three landmarks causes you the most pain? Why?

What harmful actions or things do you use to deaden emotional pain?

When Jesus urged us to ask the Father to never lead us into temptation, what did he mean? Why is this so important?

What rituals do you need to remove from your life when you're strong in order to protect yourself when you're weak?

Why is it so important in the battle for our heart that we have a battle plan to help us fight through pain? What's your plan?

### **Chapter 8: Battle Five—Fight For Your Friends**

Why do men fear losing their independence?

In 2 Samuel 23:15, why did David long for water from the well in Bethlehem? What did he really need? Why?

Have there been times you lacked hope and needed a friend to listen? When?

How can you be a better listener?

What can you do to be a better encourager? For suggestions, review how Jonathan encouraged David.

Why do most men have few, if any, buddies?

What would you have to do to have a buddy? To be one?

Why is it important in the battle for your heart that you have a few close friends?

### **Chapter 9: Battle Six—Fight for a Strong Faith**

How does your identity in Christ affect the way you wage spiritual warfare?

How does Superman's battle against Rocky illustrate your battle against Satan and your flesh?

Why did most men in ancient Israel fail to live as great warriors (Leviticus 26:7-8)?

Read 2 Kings 6:15-17. How would such a vision change the way you wage spiritual warfare?

How does a conscious awareness of the power and presence of God help you win the battle for your heart?

What must you do to tap into the power of God? How must you think and act?

Why are the spiritual disciplines so important in the battle for your heart?

What steps will you take to strengthen yourself spiritually?