

Some Ways to Handle Supernatural Opposition:

Don't Be Surprised: Preparation of heart and mind are essential.

- 1 John 5:19 "We know that we are from God, and ***the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.***" (Emphasis added)
- Don't be fascinated at the supernatural power. That would distract from God's good power. (Matthew 24:24; 1 Peter 4:12-13)

Endure Patiently: The fruit of the Spirit is opposed to evil.

- The person is not your ultimate enemy, evil is (2 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 6:12)
- Paul endured the woman for "many days" (Acts 16:18)

Remember Your Place Humbly: We are only human

- Demonic powers are stronger than humans' powers (Hebrews 2:7,9)
- Jude cautions us not to "presume" and "blaspheme all that [we] do not understand (Jude:8-10)

Remember God's Power: God is the One with power

- Jesus has complete authority over all evil and everything created (Philippians 2:9-11)
- It takes very little of God's power to move a demon (Matt. 15:28; Mark 7; Luke 11:20)

Live With Daily Preparation: The Battle is a moment, the preparation is constant

- Ephesians 6 calls us to put on the armor of God so we may stand against the schemes of the devil: Walk in Truth / Righteousness / Readiness of the Gospel of Peace / Be Firm in Faith / Trust in Jesus for Salvation / Know the Word of God (The Bible) / Be prayerful at all times in the Spirit / Keep Alert: pray for the Saints

Act with Borrowed Authority: It's not about us, but the Lord

- Jesus told some of his initial disciples that they had Jesus' authority to cast out demons (Mark 3:15)
- Acts 16 shows Paul casting out a demon in the "Name of Jesus Christ"
- 1 Corinthians 10 reminds us that God has given us weapons to destroy strongholds, arguments and thoughts so that Jesus Christ is glorified

Anticipate Fallout: This is not our home, it is a fallen world with fallen people.

- Acts 16:19 reminds us that this world profits from evil. Let's not be surprised when this world hates the invasion of righteousness that Jesus brings by His Spirit!