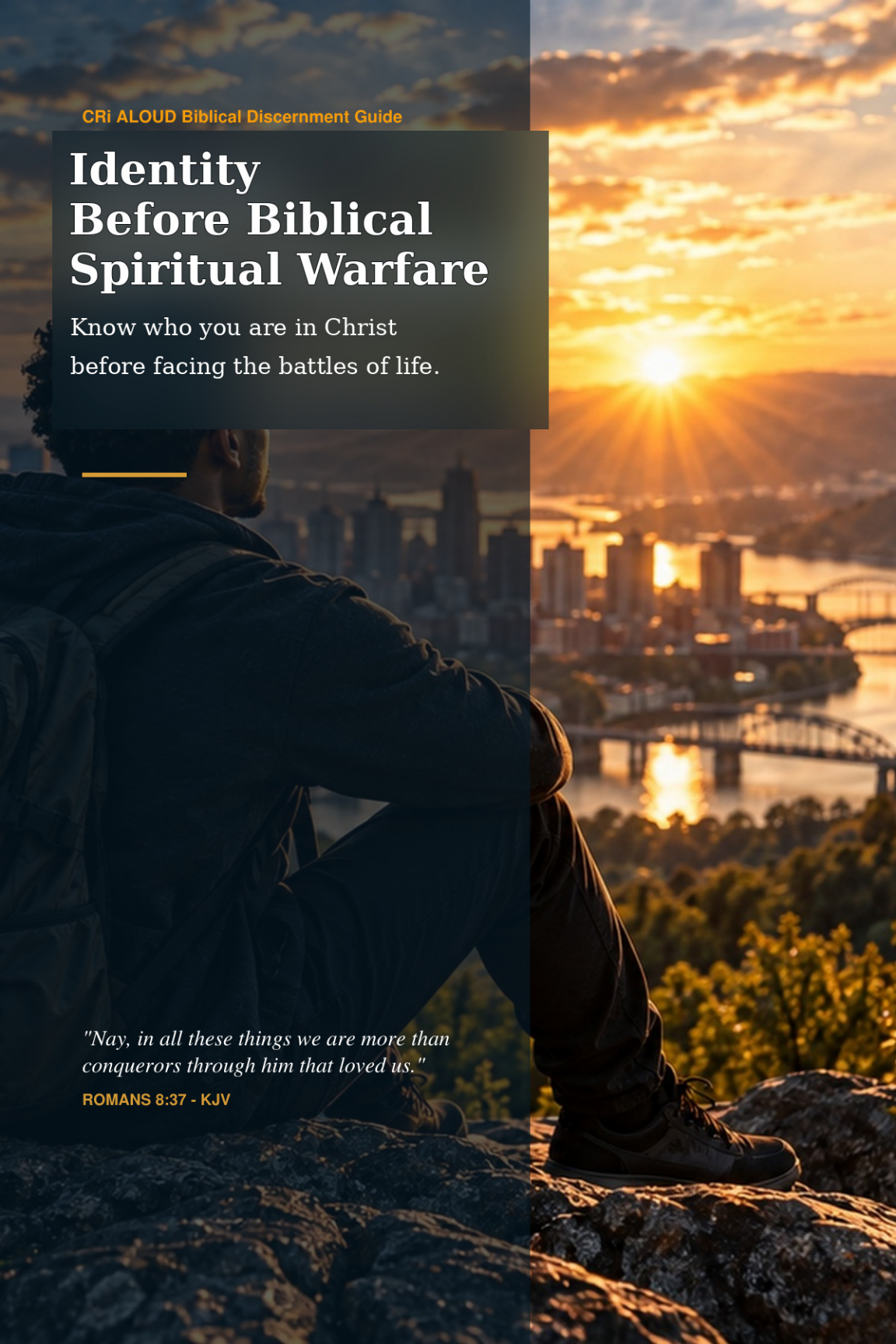


A person is sitting on a rocky ledge, looking out over a city at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the city and the water. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants, and their feet are visible in the foreground. The city skyline is visible in the background, with several bridges crossing the water.

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Identity Before Biblical Spiritual Warfare

Know who you are in Christ
before facing the battles of life.

*"Nay, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him that loved us."*

ROMANS 8:37 - KJV

Who You Are in Christ

Spiritual discernment begins with Christ, not fear. Before you interpret an experience, family story, accusation, or spiritual claim, establish what Scripture says about the believer's identity.

IN CHRIST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..."

ACCEPTED

EPHESIANS 1:6

God "hath made us accepted in the beloved."

SECURE

ROMANS 8:1

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..."

CALLED

1 PETER 2:9

You are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" called to show forth His praises.

FREE TO OBEY

JOHN 8:36

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

*Identity comes before warfare. Truth comes before interpretation.
Christ comes before fear.*

What Is Actually Yours?

The Bible takes sin seriously, yet it does not teach that another person's guilt automatically becomes your guilt. Ezekiel 18:20 says, "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father."

Family Record

History, testimony, influence, habits, wounds, claims made by others.

My Record

My choices, commitments, beliefs, actions, confessions, and responsibilities.

ASK THESE QUESTIONS

- What is established about my own choices or commitments?
- What belongs to another person's record rather than mine?
- What does Scripture explicitly teach about this issue?
- Am I responding to evidence, or only to fear and assumption?
- What faithful response is actually required of me today?

Write one sentence:

Test the Claim Before You Fight the Claim

Scripture does not require you to accept every spiritual explanation you hear. A claim should be tested before a response is built around it.

CLAIM

SOURCE

CONTEXT

EVIDENCE

BIBLICAL TEST

RESPONSE

ISAIAH 8:20

"To the law and to the testimony..."

ACTS 17:11

They "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

1 JOHN 4:1

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God..."

Discernment principle

Do not build a spiritual response around a mechanism that has not been established by Scripture and evidence.

If Scripture Convicts You

1

CONFESS

1 JOHN 1:9

Bring your own sin plainly to God. He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse.

2

FORSAKE

PROVERBS 28:13

Do not hide what Scripture has exposed. Confess it and turn from it.

3

SUBMIT

JAMES 4:7

Submit yourself to God. Resistance to evil begins with surrender to Him.

4

REPAIR

MATTHEW 5:23-24

Where your actions have harmed another person, pursue honest reconciliation when possible.

5

CONTINUE

EPHESIANS 6:10-11

Stand in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God.

*Spiritual strength is not found in obsession with darkness,
but in abiding obedience to Jesus Christ.*

My Identity Before Warfare Review

1. What does Scripture say about who I am in Christ?

2. What issue am I currently afraid of or trying to interpret?

3. What part of this is actually established as my personal record?

4. What claim still needs to be tested before I act on it?

5. What faithful response is actually mine today?

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

EPHESIANS 6:10 - KJV

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PSALM 119:105

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