



Star Wars: The Force Awakens

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Introduction:

- God at the movies
- Spiritual forces battling in our world

1. The lure of the dark side

⁴ In Solomon's old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the LORD his God, as his father, David, had been. ⁵ Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. ⁶ In this way, Solomon did what was evil in the LORD's sight; he refused to follow the LORD completely, as his father, David, had done.

1 Kings 11:4-6 NLT

Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

1 Corinthians 11:14 NLT

2. Fighting our true enemy

*Our fight is not against people on earth. We are fighting against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness. We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:12 NLT***

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 NLT

3. Becoming a Jedi

¹⁵ I don't understand why I act the way I do. I don't do the good I want to do, and I do the evil I hate. ¹⁶ And if I don't want to do what I do, that means I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But I am not really the one doing the evil. It is sin living in me that does it. ¹⁸ Yes, I know that nothing good lives in me—I mean nothing good lives in the part of me that is not spiritual. I want to do what is good, but I don't do it. ¹⁹ I don't do the good that I want to do. I do the evil that I don't want to do.

Romans 7:15-19 NLT

"And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

Luke 24:49 NLT

¹⁶ So I tell you, live the way the Spirit leads you. Then you will not do the evil things your sinful self wants. ¹⁷ The sinful self wants what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit wants what is against the sinful self. They are always fighting against each other, so that you don't do what you really want to do.

Galatians 5:13-17 NLT

Next Steps:

- I will work on building my relationship with God and walking in the light: _____
- Use God's power to fight the dark side
- Recognize my true enemy as Satan not people
- I will join a small group this fall as part of my Jedi training
- Attend the rest of "At the Movies" series
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