A Life of Blessing…Present Location
Ephesians

Soundtrack Bourne ID turning to the halleluiah chorus
As I mentioned, I was military minded as a youth, military strategic as an adult.
From Revolutionary War, Lincoln, WWII, and the Taliban I have studied theory and practice.

What to study first- understanding prior to the weapons is knowing the fundamentals and foundation of the war you are going to engage in.
Luther quote Bondage of the Will

When confronted with spiritual forces (world, devil, flesh) rely on spiritual resources.
Instead of focusing on spiritual forces, realize and recognize the spiritual foundation and resources believers have in Christ.

You once lived, this is the picture of your former life, your past condition.
In scripture we are told there are 3 main areas in which sin, our great enemy abides.
The World- this is the enemy around us.
   Our culture and societies attitudes, habits, and preferences that are contrary to God’s values.
The Evil – this is the enemy of our souls.
   Our opponent, and his influences He is real.
The Flesh (SIN) – this is the enemy within us.
   Man’s tendency toward attitudes, habits, and preferences that are contrary to God’s values.

These 3 realms are no longer a bondage to the one in Christ, he delivered us from the bondage and death of the world, evil and our sin. Yet they can influence and entangle the Christian.
Still today these realms work together: in the unregenerate and to trap the Christian
You can resist them where the unregenerate cannot holistic approach Basic the Lord’s
We have a great need to understand what our salvation means -the depths of sin and the greatness of God’s power. Then to understand sin is to understand what God has done for us. These powers no longer reign but can bring damage and
There is divine power for the battle The power of Christ over the powers that be.

How to get free

Know the Savior

1 John 3:8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.
Col 2:15  And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Know your position in Christ
We now live in 3 different realms locations and powers.

The Church which is the Body of Christ. (Contra the world)
This is our new location.
Eph 1:20-23
Romans 7:4

fellowship and community
**In Christ** (contra our opponent)
This is our new position.

**Spirit of Life** (contra our nature)
This is our new life
Romans 8:2-11 he is our helper. He lives within us
Galatians 5:16 ff

Know the power of prayer

Know the position
Surrender, concede, admit
Freedom in Christ is found to the ones in a humble position.

**How to help others in bondage**

Know your position
Intercession is one of the greatest reliefs we can give to someone.

We are not seen, the focus is not on us hidden servant.
We love our neighbors on our knees. God power is the focus
We rely on the mighty hand of God not our ideas and plans.
Moses 17 x praying for Israel Romans 8:27
We stand in the gap for others before God on their behalf.
Standing between two parties, petition to God in behalf of another

Know the power of prayer
Know the body of Christ
Many times we need help beyond what we can give.
   Turn to others who have gifting.
      Walked that road before.
      Skilled in what they have

Freedom in Christ ministries.