WARFARE

The Christian walk is one of continual warfare. We have a purpose in Jesus (Ephesians 2:10) and the devil doesn't want us to find it or contribute in any way to advance the kingdom of God. When we are born again, we can see spiritually (John 3:3). The battle is for us to remain in the spirit instead of reacting against natural circumstances.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5
"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,
for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
{We are} destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and {we are} taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,"

It is easy for us to get angry at people by focusing on them, which leads to judgment and bitterness. When we war in the natural against people, we are distracted away from the real culprit, the devil.

Ephesians 6:12
"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual {forces} of wickedness in the heavenly {places.}"

Daily, we are bombarded by temptations that are designed for us to sin and fall under the devil's control, giving way to our fleshly nature, rather than being led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14). The apostle Paul addresses this battle in his own life:

Romans 7:23
"but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members."

But, the Lord has endowed us with power to be overcomers in Him and authority over the enemy, both in our lives and in ministering to others.

Revelation 12:11
"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death."

Luke 10:19
"Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you."