

STUDENT STUDY GUIDE – August 2, 2026

OVERCOMING THE WARFARE ATTACHED TO YOUR HARVEST

Standing Firm When the Battle Intensifies

Based on the message by Richie Seltzer

OVERVIEW

Have you ever noticed that following Jesus can become harder just when you're trying to obey Him the most?

Whether it's discouragement, anxiety, temptation, distractions, or thoughts that tell you you're not good enough, spiritual warfare often shows up when God is leading you toward something important.

In *Overcoming the Warfare Attached to Your Harvest*, Richie Seltzer teaches that opposition doesn't always mean you've stepped outside of God's will. In fact, some of the greatest battles happen because you're moving toward the very purpose God has for your life.

Jesus experienced this firsthand. After the Father declared, "This is My beloved Son," Jesus was immediately led into the wilderness where Satan attacked His identity. Later, after Jesus told His disciples they were going to the other side of the sea, a violent storm tried to stop them before they reached a man who desperately needed freedom.

Richie reminds us that the enemy attacks identity, peace, purpose, and hope because he wants us to quit before we reach the people God has called us to impact. But Jesus shows us how to overcome. Sometimes we fight by standing on God's Word. Sometimes we fight by resting in God's presence instead of striving in our own strength.

Richie also shares honestly about seasons of intense spiritual warfare, distraction, fear, and discouragement before some of the greatest moments of ministry God had prepared for him. Through those experiences, he learned that God's promises are stronger than temporary battles.

No matter how difficult the fight becomes, God is still calling His people forward.

"You don't have to live like that anymore. It's not who you are. You can come home." — Richie Seltzer

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Read* → *Respond* → *Reflect* → *Pray* → *Live It

Read each passage carefully before answering the questions.

Allow God's Word—not your emotions, your circumstances, or social media—to shape how you think.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any lies you've believed about yourself, your future, or your relationship with God.

Take time to journal, pray, and talk through these questions with your parents, youth leaders, trusted friends, or Roads Group.

The goal isn't simply to learn about spiritual warfare. The goal is to trust what God has said, rest in His strength, and keep moving toward the purpose He has for your life.

SECTION 1 — KNOW WHAT GOD HAS SAID

FOCUS

The enemy often attacks our identity before he attacks anything else. Jesus overcame temptation by standing on what God had already spoken instead of trying to prove Himself.

READ

Matthew 3:13–17; Matthew 4:1–11

RESPOND

1. What did the Father declare about Jesus at His baptism?
2. Who led Jesus into the wilderness?
3. How did Satan challenge Jesus' identity?
4. How did Jesus respond to every temptation?
5. What does Jesus' example teach us about facing temptation?

REFLECT

- What lies about your identity do teenagers commonly hear from culture, social media, or friends?
- When you struggle, do you define yourself by your failures or by what God says about you?
- What Bible verse do you need to remember this week when your identity is challenged?

Further Scripture Reading

Romans 8:14–17, Ephesians 1:3–8, Psalm 119:9–11

SECTION 2 — REST IN THE STORM

FOCUS

Not every battle is won by trying harder. Sometimes the greatest act of faith is learning to trust God before the storm is over.

READ

Mark 4:35–41

RESPOND

1. What destination had Jesus already given the disciples?
2. What happened while they crossed the sea?
3. What was Jesus doing during the storm?
4. What did Jesus say to the wind and waves?
5. What question did Jesus ask His disciples afterward?

REFLECT

- What "storm" is causing you the most stress right now?
- When life gets overwhelming, do you usually panic, isolate yourself, or bring your worries to Jesus?
- What practical step could help you rest in God's presence instead of living in constant anxiety?

Further Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:6–9, Isaiah 26:3, Matthew 11:28–30

SECTION 3 — KEEP THE HARVEST IN VIEW

FOCUS

The battle isn't the destination. God often has people waiting on the other side of our obedience.

READ

Mark 5:1–20

RESPOND

1. Who was waiting for Jesus on the other side of the sea?

2. What did Jesus do for the man?
3. What did the man want to do after he was healed?
4. What assignment did Jesus give him?
5. How did the region respond later because of his testimony?

REFLECT

- Who has God placed in your life that needs to hear about Jesus?
- Has fear, insecurity, or distraction ever kept you from talking about your faith?
- How could your obedience today impact someone else's future?

Further Scripture Reading

Luke 10:1–3, Matthew 5:14–16, Acts 1:8

SECTION 4 — RECOGNIZE THE LIES

FOCUS

The enemy often attacks through fear, distraction, discouragement, and condemnation. God's voice always leads us toward truth, hope, and life.

READ

John 10:10; Romans 8:31–39

RESPOND

1. According to John 10:10, what does the thief come to do?
2. What did Jesus come to give?
3. If God is for us, who can stand against us?
4. What can separate believers from God's love?
5. What confidence should these truths give every Christian?

REFLECT

- What negative thought or lie do you struggle with most often?
- How can you tell the difference between God's conviction and the enemy's condemnation?
- Who is a trusted Christian you can talk to when you're struggling instead of fighting alone?

Further Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 10:3–5, James 4:7–8, 1 Peter 5:8–10

SECTION 5 — YOU CAN COME HOME

FOCUS

No matter how far you've wandered or how many mistakes you've made, Jesus still invites you to come home and live from your new identity.

READ

Proverbs 26:11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Luke 15:17–24

RESPOND

1. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, who are we in Christ?
2. What caused the younger son to return home?
3. How did the father respond when he saw his son?
4. What does this story reveal about God's heart?
5. What does Richie mean when he says, "It's not who you are"?

REFLECT

- Is there an area of your life where you've begun slipping back into old habits or old ways of thinking?
- Are you allowing your past to define you instead of your identity in Christ?
- What is one step you can take this week to fully follow Jesus again?

Further Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10, Romans 6:1–14, 1 John 1:9

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

The closer you move toward God's purpose, the more resistance you may face. Don't let that discourage you. It doesn't always mean you're doing something wrong. Sometimes it means you're moving toward the very harvest God has prepared for you.

When your identity is challenged, remember what God has said.

When life feels overwhelming, learn to rest instead of striving.

When fear or discouragement tells you to quit, keep your eyes on the purpose God has placed before you.

And if you've wandered from the Lord or started returning to old patterns, remember that your failures are not your identity.

Jesus still calls you by name. His grace is greater than your past. **You can come home.**