**“The Battle Continues”**

**Going deeper in Revelation 9:1-12**

**INTRODUCTION** In the previous chapter the four angels have blown their trumpets and creation is thrown into turmoil. We, as readers, are left to wonder what is going to come with the three remaining angels and their trumpets.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 1 The fifth angel trumpeted. I saw a star fall from heaven to earth. The star was given the key to the well of the abyss. 2 He unlocked the abyss and smoke poured out like the smoke of a great furnace. The sun and the air became dark because of the smoke of the Abyss. 3 Then out of the smoke came locusts on the earth. They were given power like that of scorpions. 4 They were told, “Do not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree—only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 They were not given power to kill, but they were allowed to cause severe distress for five months. The severe distress was like what it is like when someone is stung by a scorpion. 6 In those days people will prefer death, but will not find it. Death will flee from them. 7 The locusts were like horses prepared for battle and on their heads were crowns like gold and their faces resembled those of human beings. 8 They had hair like women’s hair and their teeth were like lion’s teeth. 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron and the sound from their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots charging into battle. 10 The have tails like scorpions and their stings have the power to torment people for five months. 11 They had a king over them, the angel of the abyss. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, in Greek, Apollyon – “Destroyer.” 12 The first woe is past; two others woes are yet to come.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. The Star is “given” a key and the locusts are “given” power. Who gave it to them? Why might that be significant?

2. In ancient times stars were seen as symbols of angels. Who might this star be?

3. What do you think the locusts symbolize? What are the limitations that are placed on them? Why might that be significant?

4. Who is their king? What is their intent? How does this compare to the intentions of the Lamb of God?

5. Who is the real King?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Ask the Lord Jesus to remind you of his power and faithfulness in the days ahead.

\*Ask Spirit of God to fill you and prepare you for your part in the spiritual battle today.

\*Thank the Lord that He who is with you is stronger than what may come your way.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

This passage calls us to not underestimate the spiritual battle we are in, but also that we have the God of unlimited power on our side. Will you trust Him in what you face today?