May God's peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; they are the new people of God. 17 From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus. Galatians 6:16–17 (NLT)

What’s a SCAR?

1. It’s typically formed when we are cut.
2. It’s a build-up of wounded tissue.
3. It’s a natural reminder that something has changed.

When do SCARS create WARS?

1. When we ignore or hide them.
   Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? 22 For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” Mark 4:21–23 (NIV)

2. When we fail to learn from them.
   Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. James 1:2–4 (The Message)

3. When we fail to share them.
   Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16 (NLT)

Winning the BATTLE

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will. 28 And we know that in all
things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:26–28 (NIV)

One Last Thought: I need to be on a team to have victory over my scars.