

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Sermon Title: "Gear Up! A Battle is Brewing!"

Text: Ephesians 6:10-17

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Big Idea: Spiritual warfare for believers is not an "opt out" proposition, so being prepared is a necessity for every Christian.

What does Paul declare about my personal spiritual warfare?

- Spiritual battle is winnable, personal, and supernatural.
- The 3 most common tactics of Satan are **diversion**, **division**, and **deception**.
- Satan's pattern is to make evil seem **tolerable**, then **acceptable**, and finally **preferable**.

The Belt of Truth: (Prayer for Character)

"Lord, today may your word be the truth of my life. Give me the courage to speak it and a person of character who lives it, according to your standard of holiness."

Breastplate of Righteousness: (Prayer for Humility)

"Lord, because you have saved me, help me not to settle for a less than holy life today. Help me protect the testimony of how you changed me by your grace, and as you lovingly convict me of sin today, help me confess it and turn from it."

Gospel Shoes of Peace: (Prayer for Discernment)

"Lord, give me courage to live your gospel so that I will be ready to run from the temptation to be selfish, and run toward opportunities to bring glory to you that you will place before me today."

Shield of Faith: (Prayer for <u>Faithfulness</u>)

"Lord, I submit to your sovereign presence in my life and ask for strength to persevere in my faith and to lift a shield of confidence in you today against Satan's temptations of doubt and fear."

Helmet of Salvation: (Prayer for Confidence)

"Dear Lord, thank you for giving me soul-salvation from the eternal effects of sin and for the confidence to know that nothing can ever separate me from you. Protect my mind and give me courage to see life though your salvation and the truth of your Word."

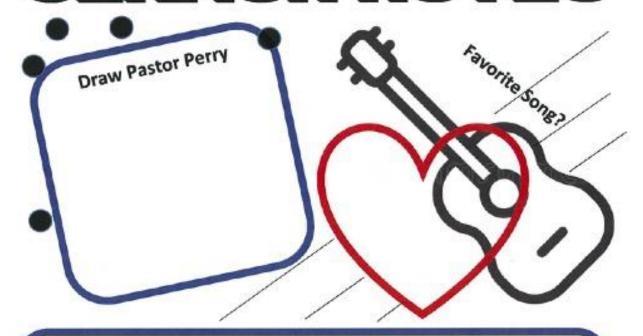
Sword of the Spirit: (Prayer for Knowledge)

"Lord, thank you for giving me your written Word. Help me hunger for it, delight in it, and live it out in my work, my family, and my world, and use it to attack falsehoods that confront me today."

Study/Application Questions and Actions:

- Were there some situations this past week when you clearly felt you were facing a spiritual battle?
- What are some scriptures that help build confidence that you can win spiritual battles?
- How does knowing it help you avoid sin, knowing that Satan often tempts you to feel sin is tolerable, then acceptable, and finally preferable?
- Read the "armor applying prayers" out loud. Which of these most fit a situation you recently encountered in your daily life?
- Which of the prayers points to a weakness in my armor that you need to put a prayer focus upon as you begin a new month?

SERMON NOTES



What I learned

