

"Winning the Invisible War"

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BACKGROUND:

Today, Pastor Jason provided an introduction into The Whole Armor of God from *Ephesians* 6:10-15. The focus of today's sermon was on Spiritual Warfare, and the instruction the apostle Paul provides on how we can protect ourselves from it.

DIGGING DEEPER:

Gauging the threat of your enemy requires you to understand yourself.

- 1. In verse 10, Paul commands us to be strong. Not unlike God commanding Joshua and the Israelites in the Old Testament to "be strong and courageous." (Joshua 1:6-7; Deuteronomy 31:6-7) Where is the believer to find their strength? (Read Psalm 62:2)
- 2. It doesn't take much to witness evil in this world. All we need to do is look around us. Who are we at war against?
- 3. What might some of the devil's schemes be? It what ways have you experienced his schemes in your life?
- 4. Being fully protected is essential in battle. If we are only partially protected, we leave ourselves vulnerable to attack. What areas of your life may be vulnerable to Satan's attack?
- 5. Verses 13-18 describe various pieces of armor. What do these pieces of spiritual armor represent in spiritual warfare? And why is each piece significant?

Our ultimate defense is our assurance of our salvation, an assurance that no spiritual force can take away. Our offensive weapon is the Word of God, not our own opinions and feelings

- 1. Jesus is our ultimate example of resisting temptation in spiritual warfare. When tempted by Satan in the wilderness, He rebuked him with the truth "it is written" (Matthew 4:1-11) Why is God's Word the most powerful weapon against temptation by the devil? (Read Psalm 119:11)
- 2. While prayer isn't listed as a specific "weapon" it is included in the instructions. How can prayer prepare us and protect us?

TAKING IT HOME:

In verses 13 and 14 Paul tells us to stand firm having fastened the pieces of armor

- 1. What have you learned are the keys to success in spiritual warfare?
- 2. What does God promise us if we submit to Him and resist the devil? (Read James 4:7)
- 3. In what ways can prayer prepare you and empower you to do battle?