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**Message Series:** Who We Are In Christ

**Today's Message:** Be Prepared For Warfare Pt 4

Ephesians 6:10-13

Ephesians 6:17 "... and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..."

## 1. Two Dangerous Areas: Discouragement and \_\_\_\_\_

### Area #1: Discouragement

1 Kings 19:9, 13 "Then he (Elijah) came to a cave and lodged in it... And He said to him, "What are you doing here Elijah?" ... And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

#### Truths:

1. Satan loves to point at our failures, our sins, our unresolved problems, or whatever else seems to be negative—to make us \_\_\_\_\_ confidence in the love and care of God.
2. Satan tempts us to become discouraged when we see other followers of Christ going thru troubles that \_\_\_\_\_ seem to be getting any better.

Ephesians 3:13 "So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory."

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary."

3. True Christ-followers are not to disengage: "Let go and Let God" - to just sit back and be \_\_\_\_\_ - but to "be strong in the Lord," "to stand against the schemes of devil" ...

**Area #2: Doubt** - about God's truths, about one's salvation, about God really being good

**Big Help:** "Let not the things I'm uncertain of \_\_\_\_\_ of the things I'm certain" ~Bacon

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you... Let not your heart be troubled..."

Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

**Satan's Plan:** to doubt God's promises, His power, His goodness, His ability to \_\_\_\_\_ saved

\* John 10:28, 29, Romans 8:38, 39, Philippians 1:6

**When Helmet Worn:** we live in \_\_\_\_\_ and assurance, joyful and strong in God's promises.

## 2. "The Sword of the Spirit, Which Is The Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17)

**Thank God:** Not only does His Spirit give us His Word, but He makes them alive to us, or makes us alive to them—equipping us with the weapon to win all battles.

**But**—we must take the Sword of the Spirit, depending on Him to help us use it!

**Satan's Great Attack:** Matthew 13:19-23, Hebrews 4:12, 13

1 Peter 2:2 *"Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word... to grow..."*

Psalm 119:14-16, 18 *"I have rejoiced in Your laws as much as in riches. I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways. I will delight in Your statutes. I will not forget Your Word... Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law."*