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Message Series: Who We Are In Christ

Today's Message: The Walk... The Warfare

1. Walk In... _____

Ephesians 5:31-33 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

3 Take-A-Ways:

1. "**Hold fast**" - means to be glued or _____ together, God hates "divorce" though He will permit it and forgive it.
2. Marriage is a picture of the church and its relationship to Christ; a _____ relationship with Christ's love and care fully operating.
3. When husbands and wives truly _____ to Christ—they walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. Walk In... _____

Ephesians 6:1-4 "Children, obey you parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and your mother... Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Popular Speaker: "To free the child, we must _____ with parenthood and marriage, we must settle for nothing less than the total elimination of the family."

Textbook at S.V.N.Y: "The Myth of Family Decline As The Cause of Social Problems."

"**Obey... in the Lord**" - refers to _____ the Lord, obeying parents for the Lord's sake.

"**Honor**" - to value highly, to hold in the highest regard and respect

3 Take-A-Ways:

1. The right _____ behind the right act of obedience is honor." ~MacArthur
2. Loving parental involvement is KEY in training a child to honor and obey: 1 Timothy 4:7, 8
3. "**Provoking to anger**" - smothering with over strictness, favoritism, pushing achievement too much, lack of affirmation, failure to give sacrificial love, physical and verbal abuse, conditional love

3. The Christ Followers Warfare

Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might."

* The unprepared follower of Christ becomes the defeated follower who tries to follow and serve Christ in his own effort and power.

Ephesians 6:11 *“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”*

4 Take-A-Ways:

1. This “whole armor of God” - not something to put on and take off but to be put on permanently
2. Paul was probably chained to a Roman soldier when he wrote this.
3. **“To be able to stand”** - “holding a critical position when under attack”
4. **“Schemes of the Devil”** - Satan is God’s enemy and the only way he can attack God is thru us.