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

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

**Truth:** Where God is genuinely at work—Satan will not fail to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

1 Corinthians 16:8, 9 *“But I will stay in Ephesus... for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.”*

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 6:10, 11 *“Finally be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”*

⇒ **“Be Strong”** - “be filled with the Spirit”: in marriage, in parenting, in \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ Ephesians 6:6-8

⇒ **Reality:** The unprepared follower of Christ becomes the \_\_\_\_\_ follower who tries to serve the Lord in His own energy, effort, and wisdom

2 Timothy 1:6-8 *“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God... for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power, and love, and of self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord... You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”*

⇒ The greatest come in the greatest victories, and the greatest victories come from the greatest battles when fought in Gods power!

### 2. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 3:8-11 *“To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach... the unsearchable riches of Christ... to bring to light for everyone... so that thru the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose.”*

**Paul's Constant** \_\_\_\_\_:

1. **“I am the very least”** - 2 Corinthians 12:10 *“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses...For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*
2. **“the unsearchable riches of Christ”** - Philippians 3:10 *“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection... becoming like Him in His death.”*
3. **“to bring to light”** - Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ Mission—to reveal truth hidden (“mystery”) in the mind of God
4. **“made known to rulers and authorities in the heavenly places”** - Ephesians 6:12 *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”*

### 3. Your Struggle: A Serious \_\_\_\_\_

**Truth:** Our greatest enemy is not the world we see, corrupt and evil as it is... but the world which we cannot see.

**Our Response:** To turn to God, to “be strong in the Lord,” in His faithful presence and power.

⇒ “Let not the things I’m uncertain of—rob me of the things of which I am certain.”

Colossians 1:13 “*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son.*”

⇒ All followers of Christ has the power of Gods own Holy Spirit within—to defeat Satan, no matter what he does.

1 Corinthians 10:12 “*Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.*”