

Sermon series: Together in Christ
Text: Ephesians 6:10-20
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We Stand Together

BIG IDEA: The Christian life is a war we cannot fight or win alone.
So then, we stand together as the children of God, strengthened with the power of God,
clothed in the armor of God, and upheld by prayer in the Spirit of God.

Our Enemy is _____, _____, and _____! (vv. 11-12)

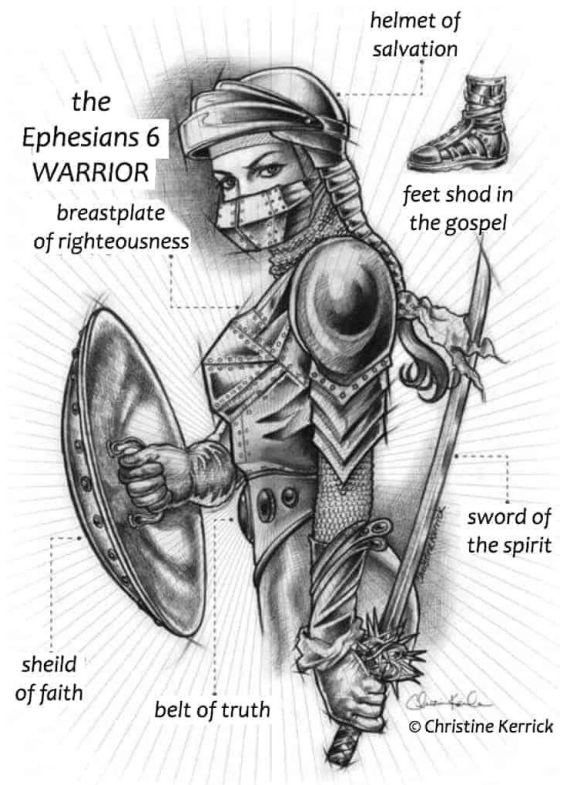
We _____ together! (vv. 11, 13, 14)

We are _____ of God! (vs. 10)

We have the _____ of God! (vs. 10)

We are _____ in the _____ of God!
(vs. 10)

We are _____ by _____ in the Spirit of God! (vs. 10)



What is the most epic movie you have seen? What makes it stand out in your mind? Have you ever watched a movie where things didn't turn out like you thought, hoped or expected? How did that make you feel? Why do you think that most great movies have similar story lines of an insurmountable problem against a formidable opponent resulting in a victory over them in an unexpected way?



What usually comes to your mind when you hear of the term **“spiritual warfare?”** What did you previously think about the spiritual enemies we have? Did any of that change because of the message and if so, what? How does the reality of their power and plan to ruin our lives change your view of your current struggles?

Why do you think Paul told us to **“stand”** in the battle against the enemy rather than advance against the kingdom of darkness? How can we help each other to stand in the midst our individual battles as well as the war as a whole?

In what ways have your parents helped you in specific ways during difficult times of your life? How does the reality that we are God's children change our view of His help and our success in the battles we face? What would it look like to be strengthened by Him?

Where in your life do you feel the enemy attacks you most (doubt, discouragement, depression, lies, relationship with God, security, knowledge of God's Word, etc.)? Based on what we talked about with the armor of God, which piece of armor do you feel you need most? Which part do you need to work on most?

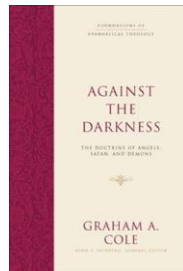
If we are to **“put on the armor God”** as a permanent fixture of our spiritual lives, what does that look like? If it's not something we put it on each day, how do we make ourselves aware of its importance each day?

Why is prayer so important in the spiritual war we are in? How important is it or has it been in your daily life? How and when do you usually pray? Paul says that we are to pray at **all times, in all prayers and supplications, with all perseverance, for all the saints**. In which category do you struggle the most?

With your family, friends, or Care Group, take a moment to share a current battle you are facing in your life. Discuss what may be the spiritual attack behind it. Then pray together for each other that God would empower you with His strength, protect you with His armor, and encourage you through that battle.

**RECOMMENDED
RESOURCES:**

Against the Darkness: The Doctrine of Angels, Satan and Demons
by *Graham A. Cole*



The Whole Armor of God: How Christ's Victory Strengthens Us for Spiritual Warfare
by *Iain M. Duguid*

