sermon notes

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"Geared Up for War" | **Ephesians 6:10-20**

In the great spiritual war, we must know

1) Our war's _____ and _____ (6:10-13)

2) Our war's _____ (6:14-17)

3) Our war's _____ (6:18-20)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

In Ephesians 6:12, Paul defines who are not our enemies and who are our enemies. What are these two groups? Why is this distinction important? How do we think or act differently based on this distinction?

The primary enemy detailed in this chapter is the devil. What type of attacks should we expect from the devil? What does victory for the devil and failure for ourselves look like? What does failure for the devil and victory for ourselves look like?

There are 6 items described in the metaphor of the armor of God. Which piece stood out to you the most? What is that piece's military function? How does that function translate to our spiritual war?

GET PERSONAL

There were four types of people caught up in the spiritual war described in the lesson: First, people fighting on the wrong side, unaware they serve the devil's interests against God. Second, people saved by grace to the right side, but missing their gear and preparation. Third, people who have done the taken up their gear but fail to stay alert and prepared. Fourth, people who are actively fighting and standing their ground against the devil.
Examining your life, which category best describes you currently? What next steps could you take to better hold firm against the devil? What areas of sin or earthly distractions hinder you from your mission?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Paul describes the Christian's only offensive option in this war as the Sword of the Spirit or the Word of God. What strategies or habits do you have in place (or need to put in place) to practice with the Word daily? What strategies or habits do you have in place (or need to put in place) to gain further instruction with the Word of God? What strategies or habits do you have in place (or need to put in place) to have the Word of God readily memorized for any moment?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read Isaiah 59:14-19. In this prophetic word, God is described as "gearing up" with some of the same pieces of armor described in Ephesians 6. Compare and contrast this set of armor with what Paul describes in Ephesians 6. What pieces are the same? What pieces are different? What pieces are God's alone? What pieces are given to us alone? What are God's motives and desires in the greater context of Isaiah 59? How does this compare to the purposes given in Ephesians 6?