

June 25, 2017

I.D.

“Ephesians – A Journey of Identification”

“I Am a Warrior”

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.”

Ephesians 6:10-11

A. We are in a battle...

“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” Vs 10

1. We are fighting an enemy.
2. We are fighting an enemy that is not flesh and blood.
3. We are fighting an enemy that is quite developed in its attacks and levels of power.

“...evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” Vs 12b

4. We are fighting with tried and tested strategies.
5. Our only defense...is to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

“We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.”

2 Corinthians 10:4

B. Put on your armor...

“Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.” Vs 13

1. Put on the belt of truth.
2. Put on the body armor of God’s righteousness.
3. Put on the shoes of peace.

4. Hold up the shield of faith.
5. Put on the helmet of salvation.
6. Take the sword of the Spirit.

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” Hebrews 4:12

C. Prayer is the secret weapon...

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” Vs 18

1. Pray in the Spirit.
2. Pray at all times.
3. Pray on every occasion.
4. Stay alert and be persistent in prayer.
5. Pray for all believers everywhere.
6. Don’t be afraid to ask for prayer for yourself.

“And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.” Vs 19-20

D. How will you determine to be a warrior?

1. Know your battles.
2. Know your enemy.
3. Know your defense.
4. Prepare for the battle.
5. Always stay alert!

Starting the summer sermon series next week:

“Jesus and a Few Friends”

“Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.”

John 15:15b

Jesus’ Friends’ Stories

July 2, 2017

Wanting the Best for Your Friends:

Greater and Lesser – John the Baptist!