Focus Church:

Let's read together the church purpose statement.

The purpose of Grace Baptist Church will be to glorify God by being Bible-driven:

In its Message: **Proclaiming Christ** to those who believe and those who do not believe.

In its Means: Utilizing Scripture

Sermon Title: Bible Driven - Utilizing Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-17

Sermon Text:

Ephesians 6:10–17 (NASB95)

¹⁰Finally, **be strong** in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

¹¹**Put on** the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore, **take up** the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴Stand firm therefore,

having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

¹⁶in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Outline:

- I. Command One: Be Empowered in the Lord (v. 10).
- II. Command Two Armor Up for Spiritual Battle (vv. 11-12).
 - A. The Command to Armament (v. 11a).
 - B. The Coaxing to Obey (v. 11b-12).
 - 1. The Nature of Your Enemy (v. 11b).
 - 2. The Nature of the Battle (v. 12)

- 1. Against The Rulers
- 2. Against The Authorities
- 3. Against the World forces of this darkness.
- 4. Spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- III. Command Three Taking Up the Armor, Stand (vv. 13-17).
 - A. A Repetition and Purpose (v. 13).
 - B. An Armory Inventory (vv. 14-17).
 - 1. Clothe your waist with truth (v. 14).
 - 2. Put on the breastplate of righteousness (v. 14).

3. Put on shoes of the preparation of the Gospel of peace (v. 15).
4. Taking shield of faith (v. 16).
5. Take the helmet of salvation (v. 17).
6. Take the sword of the Spirit (v. 17).
• What is this weapon?
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APPLICATION: We cannot be fully armed if we do not utilize the Word.

- 1. How can you utilize the Word in your daily life?
- 2. How can our church utilize the Word in our church life?