

# MADE TO WIN MORE

## **SERMON 6: Ephesians 6**

Thus far we have seen we are:

- Made \_\_\_\_\_ more: the fulness of Christ filling ALL things!
- Made to \_\_\_\_\_ more—Created uniquely by THE Master craftsman, with purpose and works to be done, all in God's eternal plan.
- Made to \_\_\_\_\_ more—because we are so deeply loved.
- Made to \_\_\_\_\_ more—designed and gifted for the church and its fulness.
- Made to \_\_\_\_\_ more, to take the fullness of Christ into the world.

Today: We are made to WIN more!

### **Ephesians 6:10 - 12.**

***<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.***

*<sup>12</sup>For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*

We are in a \_\_\_\_\_ war!

- Your power is not enough in this battle—it is only in \_\_\_\_\_ power that we can stand.
- Rulers, Powers & Authorities: There is a kingdom, with rules and systems affecting the world we live in.

*"... the systemic view [of spiritual warfare] sees the powers as personal spiritual beings who are actively impacting the socioeconomic and political structures of societies. These powers have established their own rules and regulations that pull cultures away from God."*  
Gailyn VanRheenen

## Getting ready for battle: Ephesians 6:13 to 18.

1. Take up your place as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the army! NB. The power of the Roman army was the phalanx, the power of the phalanx was the interconnectedness of every soldier. The true power of Jesus' army is our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Dressed for War:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is an indispensable part of a Christian's life. Jesus is the truth.
  - \_\_\_\_\_: **Doing** the right things, and **making** things right.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ for action because we have God's peace.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ . Belief and trust in God.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ . We are already saved, so we live forward knowing that our lives are secure in the Lord!
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. An effective weapon in the battle for the \_\_\_\_\_ person  
*"For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, bone and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."* Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)  
The Word \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ :  
*"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 (NIV)  
NB. The sword is a \_\_\_\_\_ weapon. Those in contact with us should feel the power of the word of God in our lives.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ brings God into the equation - it's His power we need!

We fight our battles in a war that is already \_\_\_\_\_!  
*"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."* Col. 2:15 (NIV)

It's not about some magnificent strategy idea – it's about \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup>For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."* 1 Corinthians 2:1,2 (NIV)

We are made to WIN more! Key Shift: From more \_\_\_\_\_ to more surrender. And from more "me" to more "\_\_\_\_\_".

### Take Action! This Week:

- Commit to walk with others in the Lord's army.
- Put on the Battle-dress, deliberately, piece by piece, every morning.
- Turn to Jesus continually, for the strength to do it all, to overcome and WIN!







