

Part 5: The Arrows Are Coming Pastor Grant Fishbook April 28 & 29, 2012

Ephesians 6:10-15

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Last Week's Armor

- 1. Belt of Truth
- 2. Breastplate of Righteousness
- 3. Sandals of Readiness

This Week's Armor: Verses 16 & 17

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation...

- 4. Shield of Faith
- 5. Helmet of Salvation

Flaming arrows of...

- 1. Doubt (Genesis 3:1)
- 2. Temptation (Matthew 4:3-11)
- 3. Spiritual blindness (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)
- 4. Deception (John 8:44)
- 5. Accusation (Revelation 12:10)

In the face of spiritual opposition, God has called us be victorious by:

- 1. Putting on the <u>full armor</u> of God (Ephesians 6)
- 2. Resisting the Devil (James 4:7)
- 3. <u>Stand</u> firm (1 Peter 5:9)

Next Steps

For Men and Women:

Deep Healing Class. If you believe it is too late to find healing and freedom for deep personal pain this class can help you find the inner peace you long for. For more information, pick up a CTK Life or visit ctkbellingham.com.

For Men:

Friday Night Light. This group helps men who struggle on Friday night with loneliness and compulsive sexual thoughts, desires and behaviors, giving them a place where they can come and receive understanding, acceptance, prayer and the word of truth in a non-judgmental environment that honors what God values. For more information, pick up a CTK Life or visit ctkbellingham.com.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What did you do last Sunday afternoon when Whatcom County broke a heat record of 70 degrees?
- 2) Where and when do you experience the presence of God the most? At church? On a walk? In your quiet time?
- 3) Which "flaming arrows" does the Devil use on you most often? How do you take a stand against that tactic?
- 4) How can you grow and strengthen your shield of faith this coming week?
- 5) Knowing that the Enemy is going to target your mind this coming week, what practical things can you do to resist him?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?