

*Edward Christian Church*

# **Spiritual Warfare Pt 16**

**Ephesians 6**

## **Armor Up!!!**

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# Occupy Til I Come

## Occupy

**-Does Not Mean**

⌘ ***Take Up Space***

**-It Does Mean –**

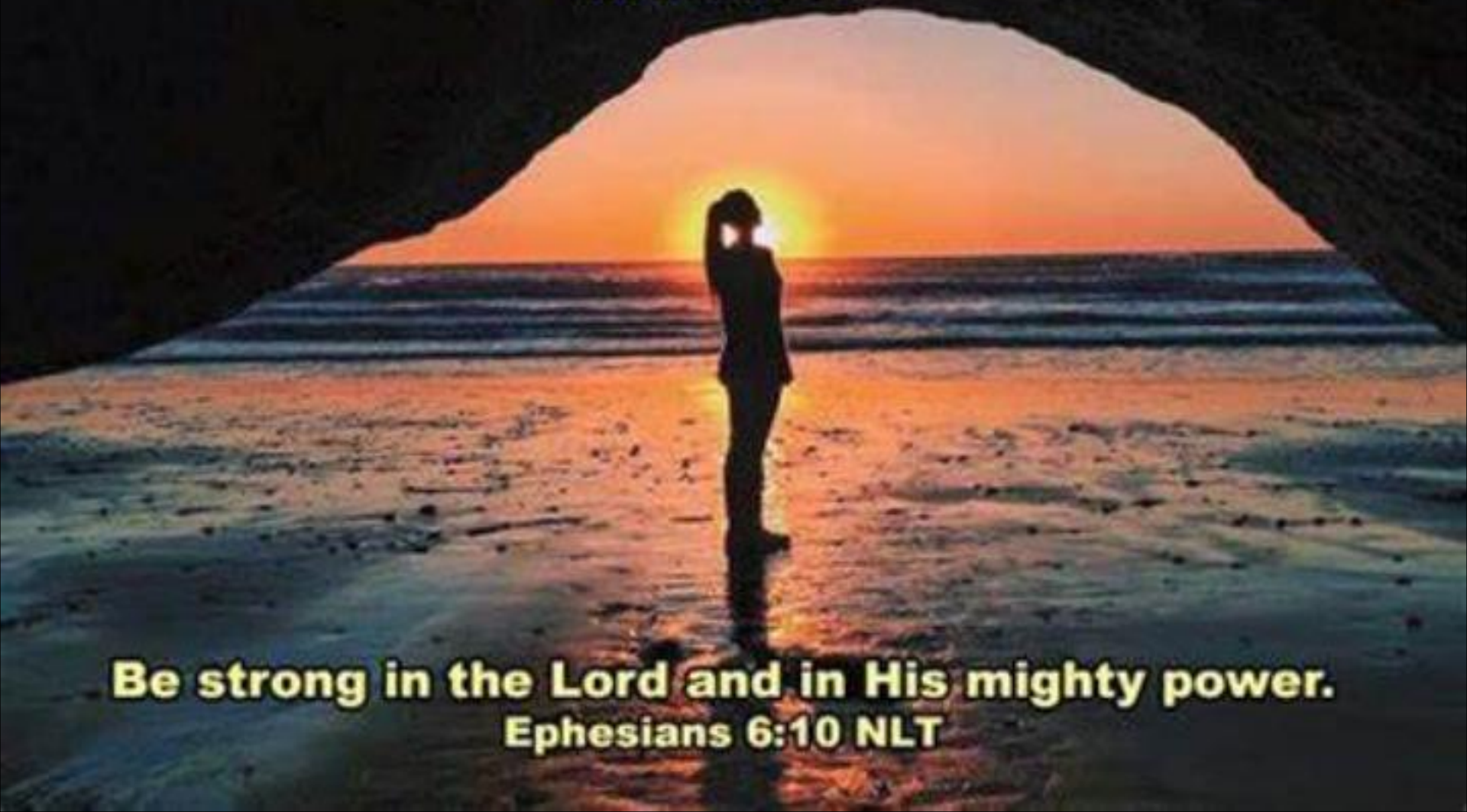
⌘ ***Take a Stance***

⌘ ***Be Productive***

⌘ ***Take Back Lost ...***

***...Ground /  
Property***

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you are strong, but because God is.**  
**Max Lucado**



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## **Warning**

- **Be (*now-constant*)**
- **Strong (*infused w- inner ability*)**
  - **In the Lord (*found one place*)**
- **Power (*overwhelming – irresistible*)**
  - **Might (*strong arm*)**

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# I WILL BUILD

# MY CHURCH

## **The Devil Knows ...**

**He Cannot:**

**Stop the Building of God's Church**  
***And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. -Matthew 16:18***

**He Can Try:**

**Stop the Movement of God's Church!!**

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN NOT TO BE IGNORANT OF SATAN'S DEVICES?

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11



# **Satan's Strategy**

## **Personal Attack**

- **Through Any Means Possible**
- **Destroy the Mission of the Church**

**Satan Desires to...**

**Affect Your Thinking...**

**...Life,**

**...Relationships**

**In Order to...**

**Infect Your Thinking...**

**...Life**

**...Relationships**

# Radically Directed and Expected

Share in *suffering*  
as a good soldier  
of *Christ Jesus.*

*No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 2 Timothy 2:3-4*

# Radically Directed and Expected

**Psalms 144:1 (KJV)**

*Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, /my fingers to fight:*

**2 Timothy 2:3 (KJV)**

*Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

**We are Not on a Playground...**

*No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is*

*to please him who has called him to be a soldier.*  
**...but a Battle Ground !!**

**BEHOLD, I GIVE UNTO YOU  
POWER TO TREAD ON  
SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS,  
AND OVER ALL THE POWER  
OF THE ENEMY: AND  
NOTHING SHALL BY ANY  
MEANS HURT YOU.**

**LUKE 10:19**

# **Power for Spiritual Warfare**

## **2 Types of Power**

- ☐ **Ability** -*dunamis*
- ☐ **Authority** -*exousia*

## **2 Types of Attacks -Luke 10:19**

**Serpents: Cardiovascular System**  
***“No Function”***

**Scorpions: Central Nervous System**  
***“Inability to Function Properly”***

# THE FULL AMOR OF GOD

**SALVATION**  
as a Helmet

**FAITH** as a  
Shield

**RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
as your  
Breastplate

**TRUTH**  
as a Belt

**WORD of GOD**  
As the Sword

**Shoes**  
the readiness to  
announce the  
**GOOD NEWS of PEACE**



# We Have Protection

## Ephesians 6:10-11

*10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the **whole armor** of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

## 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

*4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

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in God  
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# Impenetrable Armor of God



**Realize That We Are Equipped to Win**  
**“Put on the Whole Armour of God”**

**Paul uses the imperative tense**

- ☞ he is not making a suggestion
- ☞ he is issuing the strongest kind of command
- ☞ with great urgency to take a particular kind of immediate action.

**“Put on the whole armor that comes from God....”**

# **Impenetrable Armor of God**

**Radical Protection**

**Three Specific Categories**

**Each Category has It's Own Merit  
in the Fight for Right.....**



IS IT TIME TO  
**TIGHTEN YOUR BELT?**

❑ Loins girt w/ Truth(*put all around*)

❑ Freedom

❑ Support

***“Held Weapons + Medals”***

⌘ 1 Pet. 1:13, "*gird (gird afresh) up loins of mind*"

❑ Prevent from Tangling / Falling

⌘ Calls for Truthfulness

❑ John 8:44 - *our enemy is a liar*

❑ Difference in Fact -vs- Truth

**Matt 14- Fact(*man heavier than water*)**

**...Truth(*come !*)**

**The Armor Of Consistency 14-15**

**Put on the  
Whole Armor**

# **We Are Living in an Age like Gideon's**

**☿ Where God's Army Seems to Decrease**

**☿ Satan's Attacks Seems to Increase**

**But**

**God Has Not Changed His...**

- **Mind**
- **Muscle**
- **Method**

**It's Time to Put on His Armor  
And Spread His Message  
Don't Be Afraid  
Your Covered!**

Armor Up!!!

Wife: I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate to charity.

Husband: Why not just throw these in the trash? That's much easier.

Wife: But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes.

Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

Husband is currently recovering from a head injury