Branded By God series, part 6 (Ephesians 6)

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"EQUIPPED"

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"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does."

- 2 Corinthians 10:3 (NIV)

5 Essentials Of Spiritual Warfare. Need to be EQUIPPED
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A. Reach the! Matt 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." NIV
II. BY OUR Ephesians 6:10-11 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Pu on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."
A. Trust in God, NOT! Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." NIV
III. AGAINST AN Ephesians 6:12 "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.
A. Satan wants to take you! 1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith" NIV
B. Satan's tactics: " & 2 Corinthians 2:11 "in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes." NIV

IV. WITH EFFECTIVE

Ephesians 6:13-18 "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. 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 and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

2 Corinthians 10:4 "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." NIV

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V. NEEDED: Full signs 6:19-20 "Pray also for me that y

Ephesians 6:19-20 "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

If Paul needed courage, then so do we.

VI. SUMMARY:

Deuteronomy 20:4 "For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory." (NIV)