

**Church of the Valley**  
**The PPE of Faith - Part 5 - A Stand to Take**  
**June 14, 2020**

**SERMON TEXT**

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. Ephesians 6:10-12

**KEYS TO TAKING YOUR STAND:**

**1.) ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR HUMAN EFFORT IS INADEQUATE - BUT GOD'S POWER IS UNMATCHED.**

FINALLY, BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. EPHESIANS 6:10

YOU, DEAR CHILDREN, ARE FROM GOD AND HAVE OVERCOME THEM, BECAUSE THE ONE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER THAN THE ONE WHO IS IN THE WORLD. 1 JOHN 4:4

**2.) PLACE YOUR FULL CONFIDENCE IN GOD. AT COV WE CALL THIS UNWAVERING FAITH!**

PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, EPHESIANS 6:11

AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS. EPHESIANS 4:24

**3.) UNDERSTAND WE ARE IN THIS SPIRITUAL BATTLE TOGETHER - EVERY PERSON HAS A PLACE. TAKE YOUR STAND!**

"...SO THAT YOU CAN TAKE YOUR STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES". EPHESIANS 6:11

**4.) UNDERSTAND A PHYSICAL BATTLE WITH ONE ANOTHER WILL NOT BRING VICTORY. (HAVE AWARENESS OF THE REAL ENEMY)**

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. EPHESIANS 6:12

3 BUT I AM AFRAID THAT JUST AS EVE WAS DECEIVED BY THE SERPENT'S CUNNING, YOUR MINDS MAY SOMEHOW BE LED ASTRAY FROM YOUR SINCERE AND PURE DEVOTION TO CHRIST. 2 CORINTHIANS 11:3

18 WE KNOW THAT ANYONE BORN OF GOD DOES NOT CONTINUE TO SIN; THE ONE WHO WAS BORN OF GOD KEEPS THEM SAFE, AND THE EVIL ONE CANNOT HARM THEM. 19 WE KNOW THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND THAT THE WHOLE WORLD IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE EVIL ONE. 1 JOHN 5:18-19

## **LIFE QUESTIONS?**

1.) Are you trying to fight a spiritual battle with physical weapons? Spend some time praying and reading the Bible to spiritually strengthen yourself for the battle. Satan will tempt you with lies. Memorize Scripture to remind yourself of the truth.

2.) Where is God calling you to 'take your stand' relative to the three crisis that we are facing in the States?

COVID-19

Economic Recession

Racism

We are called not to be idle so there is something for each of us.

*AND WE URGE YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WARN THOSE WHO ARE IDLE AND DISRUPTIVE, ENCOURAGE THE DISHEARTENED, HELP THE WEAK, BE PATIENT WITH EVERYONE. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:14*