

# GROUP ME

The Uncommon Community

## Order of Service November 18 - 19, 2017

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## The Battle Plan – Stand Firm

1. Rely on God's \_\_\_\_\_ not on our own strength.

*A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.  
Ephesians 6:10 (NLT)*

2. Put on \_\_\_\_\_ of God's armor to stand firm.

*Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm  
against all strategies of the devil. Ephesians 6:11 (NLT)*

3. Our battle is not against what is \_\_\_\_\_ but what is \_\_\_\_\_.

*For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against  
evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty pow-  
ers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.  
Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)*

Every struggle and conflict faced in the physical realm has its root in  
the spiritual realm.

4. Put on \_\_\_\_\_ piece of God's armor, so you will be able to  
\_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>13</sup> *Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to  
resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still*

*be standing firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. <sup>15</sup> For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. <sup>17</sup> Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:13-17 (NLT)*

## **The Armor of God**

- Belt of Truth
- Body Armor of Righteousness
- Shoes of Peace
- Shield of Faith
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit

**5. Stay \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for all believers everywhere.**

*Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Eph. 6:18 (NLT)*

**Going deeper on your own.** This weekend, we talked about the fact that putting on the armor of God is a daily process. It is not a one-time event. Take a step of commitment for the next seven days to start a daily habit of personal Bible study, prayer, and journaling which aids in putting on all the armor of God. The armor God has provided you makes you able to stand firm in the battle against our enemy. To do this you need to develop a battle plan. Yes, it means work, taking time daily to think about how to be equipped for the battle you are facing. This week, through the CPC app and online attached to this weekend's message, I am going to share an easy method to get you started on creating a battle plan. Use it, modify it, or write your own. The key is to create it and commit to it. Remember you are not alone. If you need help, ask. We are in this fight together.

# BATTLE PLAN

I know you are busy, so let's get to it. We are asking you for the next seven days to develop a Battle Plan (Spiritual Growth Plan) that we pray will become a daily habit in your life. All you need to set out on this journey is a Bible and a journal. We will be using the S.O.A.P. method of daily Bible study from Wayne Cordeiro. As we read God's words, we begin to see how God responds to things. Doing daily devotions re-patterns the way we think and transforms the spirit of the mind. Then, when we face similar situations as Jesus did, we begin to respond in the same way.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time to reflect on and review some of the "gems" that you have received. Without writing these down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons! While journaling is a very personal time with the Lord, you may want to share some of your daily devotions with your Home Team or mentors. Through discussion, you may be able to look deeper into what God is speaking to you, gain new insights, and even encourage others. Below you will find an explanation of the S.O.A.P. Method.

## SCRIPTURE

Select a Reading Plan or Passage to Read from the Bible. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

## OBSERVATION

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this Scripture down in your own words in your journal.

## **APPLICATION**

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or correction for a particular area of your life. Write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

## **PRAYER**

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

This might be intimidating to you at first, so we want to give you examples of how this is done. To help you in this process of learning this method, myself and other staff members at CPC will share one of our daily journal entries. If you don't know what scriptures to read, I have provided seven passages for seven days to help make this as easy as possible to get started. So, let's jump in with all that we have in order to learn all that God has for us.

Day 1: Psalm 63

Day 2: Luke 12:13-21

Day 3: Romans 8:1-14

Day 4: Romans 8:31-39

Day 5: Ephesians 3:14-21

Day 6: Psalm 27

Day 7: Ephesians 6:10-18

Day 8: I know we said 7 days, but by now you are loving being in the word, so pick a reading plan and keep up the good work. (You can find reading plans online, or through the Bible app.)

# HOME TEAM LESSON GUIDE

## “THE BATTLE PLAN – STAND FIRM”

Fellowship

Ice Breaker: Which common saying or phrase best describes you?

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

Discussion Questions:

1. In verse 10 the Apostle Paul tells us that we should *be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power*. Why is it that we often rely on our own strength rather than tapping into God's power?
2. In verse 12 the Apostle Paul reveals that our fight is not against what we see (flesh and blood) but what is unseen (unseen world). What does this mean and how does it look in our lives?
3. Paul tells us that we should put on all the armor. What are those pieces of armor and what protection do they provide you for the battle?

Closing Prayer