Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

Title: Put On/Take Up The WHOLE Armor of God

Topic: Use The Weapons Available

- Seven Pieces of God's Armor
 - o The Belt of Truth
 - o The Breastplate of Righteousness
 - o The Shoes of Peace
 - o The Shield of Faith
 - The Helmet of Salvation
 - The Sword of the Spirit
 - Prayer in the Spirit
- > Am I, on a daily basis, using every weapon the Lord has provided me?
- Ephesians 6:10-18 "¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"

>	"Put on" (aorist imperative) which not only means it's a command, but an aorist imperative means to act
×	We can't stand against the schemes of the devil without HIS armor.
>	Our garment, God's armor, must be put on from the
>	Romans 13:14 "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."
>	is putting them on the outside. You may look good sitting in church, raising your hands during songs, or standing behind the pulpit but we won't be able to stand firm in the moment of temptation!
>	The basic necessity for the believer is to depend on the Lord and to put on the armor and leave it on
	We are expected to the enemy at all times
>	1 Peter 5:8 "Be soberminded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."
>	Our predator, the devil, lies and waits as his goal is to risk and energy
>	The bull-moose principle: Enduring faith, strength, and wisdom for trials are best developed BEFORE they're needed.
>	"The" schemes means specific schemes. They are not general. These schemes are for each and every person.
A	The word schemes is used to describe a wild animal cunningly stalking and unexpectedly pouncing on prey.
>	We must not be ignorant of these schemes. We must not be taken by surprised by these schemes. We must be properly prepared for when his schemes are coming. We can and will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

<i>></i>	Satan's strategy/strategies for me is/are
>	Satan's file for me could say:
	Don't be naïve, if you are a true follower of Christ, your folder with your name is in his filing cabinet. He knows very well where your vulnerabilities lie.
A	God you and has a divine plan for your life. Satan you and has a strategy to seek and destroy your walk with Jesus Christ.
>	People who walk around in the middle of a war acting as if there was no war are called!
>	When is the only time God allows us to remove any one piece of our armor?
>	"Whole" is a very important adjective in verses 10 and 13.
	o Complete. Never leaving a piece behind.
¥	How many pieces of God's armor are you wearing today?
A	God promises his children we will be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. But, we must be the ones who "put on" the armor, "take up" the armor, and go into battle.
A	What do we do with this passage?
	Never again can I say I don't know the armor of God.
	 Memorize the armor
	 Study the armor and what each piece is used for
	Pick the armor up and put it on
	 Stay in the battle, one day at a time, for the rest of every day God gives us

- > The question you must answer today and every day going forward:
 - O Am I, on a daily basis, using every weapon the Lord has provided me?