

Remaining Strong – Part 1

Ephesians 6:10-17

- I. Text – Ephesians 6: 10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, 15and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; 16in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. 17And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- II. Vegas – 1 John 2:16 – The strip and Pete
- III. Review – Sit, Walk, Stand

- IV. 3 Means of Remaining Strong in the Lord –
 - a. Know your goal – v. 10
 - i. Power of the Resurrection – Eph 1:19

 - ii. Pictures of Strength In the Bible – Ps. 1, Peter

 - b. Know your true opponent and his ways – v. 11, 12
 - i. Who your enemy is not – v. 12, Eph 5:21-6:9

 - ii. Who your enemy is – v. 11, 12; Eph 2:2; 2 Cor 2:4:4; John 8:44; 1John 4:4
 1. Devil – “diabolou” – Throw through - slanderer
 2. Satan – adversary

iii. What are his schemes – 2Cor 2:11; 2 Tim 2:24-3:5

2: ²⁴The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, ²⁵with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.
3: ¹But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ²For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these

Chiasm –

Misplaced affections → Misunderstood identity → Mistreatment of others →
Misguided character → Mised follower

c. Know the means of attaining the goal – v. 11-13

V. Conclusion – Hosea 10: ¹²Sow with a view to righteousness,
Reap in accordance with kindness;
Break up your fallow ground,
For it is time to seek the LORD
Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.