

# “Mighty Power”

## Immeasurably More #6 • Ephesians 6

### INTRODUCTION

As he closes out the final chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul concludes with a strong exhortation to prepare for battle. For many these verses that depict the armor of God are the most familiar of this epistle. Paul tells us to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power and then details our weapons in the struggle against the forces of evil. Let’s take time in this study to recognize the battle to which we are called and the immeasurable mighty power available to us through Christ.

#### **Ice Breaker (Optional):**

If you could take only one weapon to battle, what would it be?

### Study Questions (45 MIN)

#### **Q1. Read Ephesians 6:10-12; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Romans 8:38-39**

If you are entering a battle, one of the first things you need to do is recognize the enemy. How does Eph 6:11-12 describe the enemy? How are those forces demonstrated in our daily lives? Those who do evil in this world are empowered by the real enemy. Why are they blind to the truth of God and the light of His gospel (2 Cor 4:4)? We must take the battle beyond the visible enemies to the source that empowers them. How does Romans 8:38-39 assure us of the supremacy of the power of God to keep those He loves from falling?

#### **Q2. Read Ephesians 6:13-17; Ephesians 4:22-24; Acts 10:36**

Paul does not say “if” but “when” the day of evil comes, we need the full armor of God to stand (Eph 6:13). To resist evil, what six pieces of equipment are needed? How does knowing God’s truth help you to stand against the devil? What did Paul instruct the Ephesians to do in order to live in true righteousness (Eph 4:22- 26)? What is that good news we bring to the world that defeats the enemy (Acts 10:36)? Your shield of faith and helmet of salvation protect you from attack. What kinds of “flaming arrows” have been aimed at you? What is the offensive weapon you are to wield?

#### **Q3. Read Ephesians 6:18-20; Philippians 4:6; Romans 8:26-27**

Our prayers need to be so much more than presenting a list of requests to God. Paul goes to great lengths to encompass the diversity and extent of prayers in this final plea to the church. What are the ways Paul encourages us to extend our prayers (Eph 6:18)? When you don’t know the words to pray, how does the Spirit bring your needs before God? (Romans 8:26-27) We do not need to be

anxious or fearful when we have great needs because we have a mighty and powerful God who hears our prayers. How does Phil 4:6 tell us to approach prayer? Do you have a time and place set aside for regular prayer? Describe what you would consider your ideal prayer experience.

#### **Q4. Read Ephesians 6:19-20; Acts 1:14**

This weekend New Life called for a night of all-church prayer and worship, focused particularly on the selection of a new pastor. Paul also requested the church to pray for him. What was Paul’s specific prayer request? From it’s beginning, the Christian church devoted themselves to prayer. (Acts 1:14) Why do you feel corporate prayer is important to the church, and how do you view it’s impact on you personally?

### Wrap-Up

This study reminds us that we are engaged in a battle. Not a physical battle but a spiritual one. Not against a flesh and blood enemy, but a battle against principalities and powers over darkness, a battle taking place in heavenly realms. We can be assured that God’s mighty power is able to keep us throughout this battle. He has given us the armor needed to be victorious. When we use the full armor of God, we take truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation to the fight. The Word of God, our sword, is given to us to demolish the strongholds of the enemy. And as we fight this battle, on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers we are to pray for all of God’s people. This powerful force of the prayers of the saints is at work in our own church as we pray and seek God together in the selection of a new pastor to lead His people.

### Memory Verse

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:11 ESV*

### Prayer (20 MIN)

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for your group members’ needs: (see back for more notes) \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge:** Continue this week to pray and seek God in the selection of our new pastor, and for all the Lord’s people, and attend the church prayer meetings.

