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Seek the lost, equip the saints, send the sowers

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Monday Morning Musings (928)

Sermon Notes for March 19, 2023 Spiritual Warfare 4 **Stand and Defend! Eph 6.13-17**

We encourage you to watch the worship service and message on our YouTube channel

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. Eph 6.13

The Point: We have a powerful adversary; resistance to his schemes is a congregational concern.

The Question: Isn't Ephesians 6.10-20 just for the individual disciple?

We move from individual spiritual warfare and defense to congregational. If the individual is subject to attack, why not the congregation they serve? (2 Tim 2.24-26, 1 John 2.18-19, Rev 2.9-10) Satan demanded to sift the disciples as wheat, and Jesus prayed for them. (Luke 22.31-32) The enemy knows his end. He aims to be a thorn that daily grieves God's Heart. Every lost soul causes pain and every saved one is joy.

Our adversary and his two armies Our adversary has two armies, one spiritual and the other physical. The spiritual army is made of angels that rebelled against God (Jude 1.6). Some demonologists say Satan deceived many of them to rebel. His schemes and deceptions precede the fall of Adam and Eve. He is a created being that seeks to deceive other created beings.

The second army is humans who willingly or unconsciously follow his lead. The first named human recruit is Cain. (Gen 4) Billions have followed him to the grave. Some of his recruits actively fight against the Church of the living God. Our spiritual foes work against the believer's heart, mind, and body and can cause one to work as a distraction to good order and practices.

Do you stand alone or with others on your right and left? A congregation is God's design for spiritual growth, evangelism, and defense. We help ourselves and our congregation (fellowship) when we work as a team. A disciple of Jesus should not walk or work alone. Jesus sent his disciples out in groups of two (Luke 10); elders in a church are always mentioned in the plural Acts 14.23, 1 Tim 4.14, and 5.17. Paul always had a team of at least three. A church evangelism call should be a team of two.

What groups of potential defense does a congregation have? Here are a few: Sunday morning Bible study, ladies' monthly meeting, men's monthly breakfast, online prayer, and Bible study. I miss Sunday evening worship and Wednesday evening prayer groups—a bygone era. Multiply your shields, swords, helmets, and boots!

Does a congregation stand alone? (sadly, many do) Congregations should team up to defend their community with prayers, good works, and acts of faith. Sadly, many congregations function like they are solitary islands.

Stand together, and the LORD stands with you. *Matt 18.20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*

Preacher Bill

Ecclesiastes 4.12

Church Servants

March 5, 2023

Serving the Table: B Lott/*Worship Team:* P Corbet

Musicians: L Burkholder/C Graf/J Dwyer/D Hays/
B Long/P Long/D Ritenour

Attendance

| | S.S.- | Worship | Offering |
|----------|-------|---------|------------|
| 03/19/23 | | 54 | \$2,297.00 |
| 03/12/23 | | 44 | \$3,312.00 |

Our Prayers Are With. . .

Paula Adams, Doug Angi, Richard Bennington, Dave & Janice Bogard, Nancy Boggs, David Bradds, Glenna & Ronnie Bradds, Erin Bruggerman, Barb Campbell, Brett Campbell, Dee Campbell, Beverly Carter, Kelly Castle, Molly Chapol, Huck Christian, Doug and Heidi Collins (mission trip), Bill Chaffin, Joyce Creamer, Ann Curtis, Logan Davis, Dewitt & Pauletta Evans, John Evans, Tim Evans, Fairview Church of Christ Hillsboro, Michelle Fast, Nora Ferguson, Dwight Fox, Dan Gayheart, Ruth Gorman (Wooded Glen, Springfield), Donna Grove, Carol Hackley, Nora Hawkins, Danny & Peggy Hays, Lisa Hoover, Dick Hughes, Glenn Hylton, Judy (Mandy’s mother), Branden Leach, Ronnie Leach, Garner Lemaster, Brandon LeVeck, Tana Long, Grace Lott, Tim & Cynthia Malone, Mandy’s friend Marcie, Michael & Laura Melvin, Our Missionaries, Aaron Mullins, Diane & Jimmy Price, Mark Reece, Dona Reed, Virgil Reed, Ashley Ringer, Robbie Ringer, Brian Robinson, Lori Rudduck, Joan Smith, Sarah Smith, Jordan Slone, Delores Stone, Catherine Waldren, Sarah Warehime, Charlene Weismiller, Robbie Williamson, Liz Wise

New Parents. . . Jordan & Kristine Basinger, baby Crew

Expectant Parent. . . Karissa & Robbie Ringer, Ashley Teague (high risk)

Cancer. . . Darrel Anderson, Cindy Bolden, Hayden Brunner, Jacob Caldwell, Travis Combs, Bonnie Evans, Shirley Fox, Panji Pope Gabrieleon, Shelly Harrison, Lindsay Jacks, Tammy Kaylor, Angela Keiser, Denise Montgomery, Phil Reed, Bill Ritchey

Congratulation of Jordan & Kristin Basinger on the birth of their son Crew Morgan on Thursday, February 23. Also, congratulations to Kevin & Heidi Basinger on being first time grandparents. May God watch over Crew as he grows.

Up & Coming Activities In Our Family. . .

- March 23 Zoom Bible Study, 7 pm
- March 27 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7 pm
- April 1 Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study, 8 am
- April 4 Ladies’ Fellowship, 6 pm
- See announcement below

The latest Kairos is now available on YouTube.

Serving the Table in March

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We really appreciated the reception and fellowship yesterday. The decorations we beautiful. The food (vittles) was delicious, as usual, and excellent. The fellowship was heartwarming. We will keep the cards and notes as eternal keepsakes. We love you all. **Bill and Marta 😊.**

Ladies at the Grove! We will have an evening soup and salad meal and “ make it- take it workshop “ at the church on Tuesday, April 4 @ 6:00 P.M. Kristine Erwin will be helping us make a decoupage flowerpot and a choice of daffodil or tulip. Price of workshop will be \$15. Please let Jyl know if you are interested in this fellowship/bring a friend!!!

Our sermon for Sunday Morning is

Mar 25 The End of the Matter Eccl 12.12-14

March Birthdays:

- 01 – Emilia Rodriguez Lott
- 03 – Remmi Wilson
- 07 – Peggy Hays
- 09 – Bill Lott
- 11 – Dale Smith
- 12 – Jenna Basinger Heathcook
- 20 – Ashley Teague, Liz Wiz
- 21 – Rosita Noes
- 22 – Ann Curtis
- 27 – Retta Long

March Anniversary:

- 12 – Tom & Lisa Richards
- 17 – Tom & Robbie Williamson