**Staying On God’s Course (8-21-2024)**

**Eph 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

**Spiritual Attack:** Rank and file demons or controlling demons (why does it seem like some people/ families seem to go through the same stuff over & over)

**Dan 10:20** **Michael the Archangel**: Fought against the prince of Persia then the prince of Greece (the Greek ruler Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire in 334 BCE)

 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done **all, to stand.**

 **Armour –** Defensive covering for the body: Definition: (warn by a heavily armed soldier)

 **Evil Day – Matt 7:25** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, & beat upon that house &it fell not: for it was founded **upon** a rock. *(Ie: had on the entire armour of God)*

 **Having done all to stand** – Prayed, walked in faith, walked in forgiveness and closeness of God***….(now stand)***

 **To Stand –** be present, to stand firm, to stop *(the enemy)*

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

**John** **14:1** Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

 **Troubled**: Disturbed: (from above): throw into confusion, terrified: frightened: throw into turmoil – means an unexpected distribution

**2 Cor 10:4** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (natural), but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; *(****NIV=*** *they have divine power to demolish strongholds)*

**Weapons –** God’s supernatural armour

**Warfare –** war or military action (kind of last resort for most powerful)

**Strong Holds** = Something (thought) trying to be formed and built up against you

**Spiritual tools defeat spiritual attacks!**

**2 Cor 10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God:

 And bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**Imaginations =** the faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts External to God’s position

**Exalts – attempts to raise to a higher position or rank**

**Captivity** = Being led away into captivity (imprisonment, custody or detention)

**Compliance or submission (**ie: whether you feel like it or not)

**Rom 12:**2 **2**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**Amphld**  **2**And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rom%2012%3A2-3&version=AMP#fen-AMP-28248a)]transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

**Eph 4:22-23** 22change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. 23Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit 24and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God’s image in justice and true holiness.

**Prov 23:7** For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he