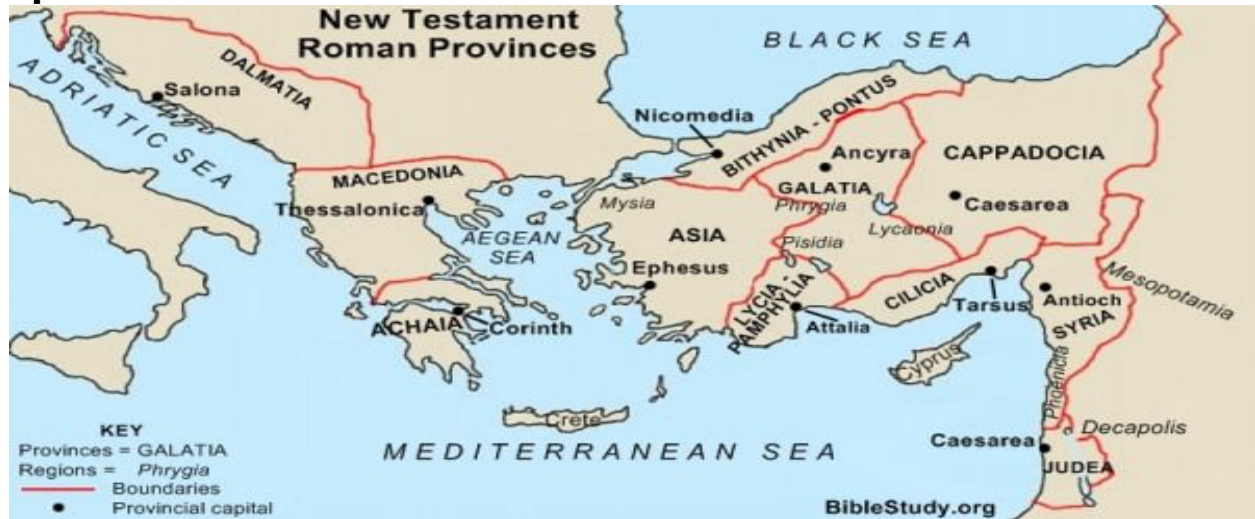


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Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 6:30-8:30 PM

## Ephesians 6:10-20



**These “Whole Armor of God” scripture verses are widely quoted and serve as a sermon topic frequently. In the next 6 weeks we will cover the Whole Armor of God and dive into the work of evangelism. We will use the Bible and 2 books *Tell Someone*<sup>1</sup> and *Becoming a Disciple-Maker*<sup>2</sup>. I encourage you to purchase copies of these books to follow along with this series.**

**10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. (March 3)

**14** Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. (March 10)

**15** As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. (March 17)

<sup>1</sup> Greg Laurie, *Tell Someone: You Can Share The Good News* (Nashville: Lifeway Press, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Hanks Jr., Billie and Randy Craig, *Becoming a Disciple-Maker* (Salado: International Evangelism Association, 2013).

**16** With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (March 24)

**17** Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (March 31)

**18** Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. (April 7)

**19** Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak

### **Ephesians 6:15**

Good shoes do not hurt our feet. Good shoes can be worn for hours, holding us in an upright position and allowing us to keep moving in whatever direction we need to go. In this world physical shoes that are good for our feet can be very expensive. However, spiritual shoes have no monetary cost. The fit is always perfect no matter the size. The material never wears out. The workmanship is supreme.

**Paul does not suggest a particular shoe. He does make it clear that the shoes on our feet need to carry us to proclaim the Gospel. What do you think are your shoes? What keeps you uplifted to spread the Gospel?**

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### **Week 3**

*Excerpted from Tell Someone: You Can Share the Good News*

Personal stories have power. When told in context, our personal stories connect with the people we meet and speak with? Sharing the Gospel begins with a personal story. We are building bridges to Jesus.

1) Be honest. 2) Focus on the Triune God's role in your life. 3) Use words everyone can understand. 4) Speak up when the Holy Spirit presents the opportunity

Start with these points:

Talk about where you grew up and what you remember about significant moments in your life.

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What was your life like before you personally accepted Jesus?

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What was your focus before you accepted Jesus? Was there joy in your life?

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Who talked with you about Jesus and how did you feel when they spoke to you?

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What do you like about your church today? How does your church feed you spiritually? How does your church serve the community?

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Excerpted from *Becoming A Disciple-Maker*

Internalize the Word of God. Listen, Read, Study, Meditate, and Apply.

Listen, Read

In school our teachers had us listen in class, read the assignment, study at home, practice problems, and take the quiz/test. Our spiritual growth requires the same type of process.

We listen to prayers and the sermon during our worship services. We may also listen online or to TV program ministries. Like any food we must be certain that we are getting good food.

One way to ensure that food is good is to know the origin and to understand what is mixed in the food. With food for our bodies we read package labels for salt, sugar, cholesterol, fat, and artificial ingredients. No matter what the commercial might say, reading the label should tell us the truth. (*Think about fast food*)

Reading the Bible for ourselves does the same thing for us spiritually. We read God's word on our own to confirm what we hear others say. We test the spirits by questioning if the message truly from the Bible. If we do not read for ourselves we can be misled about what the Bible says.

As good disciples making new disciples we should offer to read the Bible with new converts or with those who do not know Jesus. However, if we do invite new converts to join us in reading the Bible, we must have read and keep reading the Bible ourselves. We will find new meanings and new understandings revealed to us as the Holy Spirit guides our maturity. The same will be true with new converts.

God's word is active and living and extremely sharp. The word of God divides truth from falsehood. God's word separates our thoughts and plans by the intentions of our heart. Reading God's word starts us on the path to spiritual maturity.