



WEEK 3 - The Armor of God and Marriage

ACCOUNTABILITY:

What next step from last week's study were you able to accomplish this week?

For Women: Pray this week that God would give you more of a "gentle and quiet spirit" (1 Peter 3:4) and that he would help you do what is right and not give way to fear (1 Peter 3:6).

For Wives: How will you reflect the gospel by showing your husband respect this week?

For Husbands: How will you reflect the gospel by showing your wife love this week?

Memorize 1 Peter 3:8-9.

CONTENT:

Satan is methodical at feeding husbands and wives lies that make us fight with one another. When did Satan come with his temptation? Was it before Adam and Eve were together or after?

How are Satan's attacks methodical?

The family is God's building block of society. In what ways has Satan sought to destroy families/marriages?

Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

According to verse 12, who is our struggle against?

According to verse 10, where do we find strength to overcome?

In verse 11, how do you take your stand against the devil's schemes?

What is the Armor of God?

What is the first piece of the armor of God that Paul lists? Why is this important?

What are some lies that Satan tells couples? *Pastor Rick listed 4: True love does not take work, a spouse will fulfill all your needs, love is never having to say you're sorry, and the marriage is dead so it's ok to leave.*

What are the truths that combat these lies?

In verse 14, do you think this is talking about our righteousness or the righteousness given to us by Jesus?

What does it look like to act righteously toward your spouse or friend if you are not married?

Next Paul references the feet. What does he tell us we need to make our feet ready?

How does the gospel impact our relationships?

Paul talks about the shield of faith. How does faith change the way we treat our spouse?

The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. What are some Bible passages that you cling to in order to help you fight temptation in your marriage or relationships?

The last thing Paul talks about is prayer. What place should prayer have in our relationships?

What about your spouse or friend frustrates you? Have you prayed about it?

How much time do you spend arguing versus how much time you spend praying for one another? What do you think would happen if you prayed before you discuss a point of contention you have with the other person?

APPLICATION:

Read Ephesians 5:19-20. A joyful marriage begins with a joyful you. Being filled with God's spirit puts a song in your heart. How will you seek to praise God this week and be spirit filled?

Pray for your significant other everyday this week.

Is there something you need to repent of to your spouse or another person?

PRAYER:

Father, we thank you for marriage and how it puts your gospel on display. We pray that the husbands in our church would love their wives and that wives would respect their husbands. Help us to overcome Satan's lies with your truth. We pray that you would be at the center of all relationships and that you may be glorified through them. In Jesus name, amen.