

WALKING WITH JESUS IN THE ARMOR OF GOD

“ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. Ephesians 6:11.

CCIC BELIEVE:

1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. Galatians 2:20
 - “I no longer live but Christ lives in me.”
2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Philippians 3:14
 - “Put on love which bind them all together in perfect unity.”
3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15
 - “Go into all the World and preach the gospel to all creation.”

“We are Christ centre motivated by love to preach the Gospel to all creation.”

OUR STRUCTURE:

1. TEACH THE WORD. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17.

2. TEACH TO PRAY. LUKE 11:1

3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND OUR
NEIGHBORS. MARK 12:30-31

4. TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.
MATTHEW 28:19-20

- “WE GROW BY THE WORD OF GOD, HAVE POWER THROUGH PRAYER, LEARN TO LOVE GOD BY LOVING HIS PEOPLE, AND GO TO MAKE DISCIPLES.”

TEXT:
Ephesians
6:17

- “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

PREVIEW:

TOPICS IN OUR SERIES

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| 1. THE NATURE OF THE SWORD | EPHESIANS 6:17 |
| 2. SHARPENING THE SWORD | 2TIMOTHY 2:15 |
| 3. THE AUTHORITY OF THE SWORD | HEBREWS 4:12 |
| 4. THE POWER OF THE SWORD | PSALMS 119: |
| 5. GOD'S SWORD NEVER FAILS | ISAIAH 55:11 |

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 55:11.

- “so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for
which I sent it.”

GOD'S WORD NEVER FAILS

- In verses 10-11, Isaiah uses the picture of rain and snow. Rain comes down from heaven, waters the earth, and causes it to produce fruit. In the same way, God's Word comes from Him and produces His intended result.
- The important truth is: "God does not send His Word without a purpose."

GOD'S WORD NEVER FAILS

- Sometimes we may preach, teach, pray, or share scripture and see no immediate result. But Isaiah 55:11 assures us that God's Word is accomplishing His purpose even when we cannot immediately see the result.

I. GOD'S WORD COMES FROM GOD

- “so is my word that goes out from my mouth:”
- “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, .” 2 Timothy 3:16
- “For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2Peter 1:21

I. GOD'S WORD COMES FROM GOD

- When we stand on God's Word, we are standing on something greater than human opinion. The authority of the message comes from the one who gave it.
- When God's Word speaks: We should listen, believe, obey, and we should build our lives upon it. Amen....

II. GOD'S WORD IS NEVER EMPTY

- “It shall not return to me empty.”
- “Empty” carries the idea of being without result or without accomplishment.
- Our responsibility is faithfulness; God’s responsibility is the ultimate result.
- “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:6

II. GOD'S WORD IS NEVER EMPTY

- “We may not always see what God’s Word is doing, but we can trust that God’s Word is never wasted.”

III. GOD'S WORD ACCOMPLISHES HIS PURPOSE

- “But it shall accomplish that which I purpose.”
- God has a purpose for His Word.

To:

- **1. Convict** Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

III. GOD'S WORD ACCOMPLISHES HIS PURPOSE

- **2. To teach and correct** 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- **3. To encourage** Romans 15:4 “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”

III. GOD'S WORD ACCOMPLISHES HIS PURPOSE

- **4. To bring salvation** James 1:21” Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.”
- **5. To give faith**. Romans 10:17,” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. “

III. GOD'S WORD ACCOMPLISHES HIS PURPOSE

- **6. To transform lives.** Romans 12:1-2 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
- “GOD’S WORD DOES NOT MERELY GIVE INFORMATION, IT PRODUCES TRANSFORMATION.”

IV. GOD'S WORD WILL NEVER FAIL

- “And shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”
- God does not say His Word might accomplish His purpose.
- He declares that it will. Numbers 23:19 “God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfill?”

IV. GOD'S WORD WILL NEVER FAIL

- Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”
- Matthew 24:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”
- Matthew 5:18 “For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”

IV. GOD'S WORD WILL NEVER FAIL

- "GOD'S WORD DOES NOT NEED OUR POWER TO MAKE IT POWERFUL; IT NEEDS OUR FAITHFULNESS TO LEARN, APPLY IT, AND PROCLAIM IT."
- GOD'S WORD NEVER FAILS.

CONCLUSION

- ISAIAH 55:11 gives us confidence that when we preach, teach, evangelize, and minister, God's Word is never wasted.
- You may not immediately see the fruit or see the changed life or the answer. But I assure you, God's Word will never be wasted.
- So: Keep preaching, keep teaching, keep believing, keep living, keep sharing the Word of God. Because when God sends His Word, His Word will accomplish His purpose. Amen....

CONCLUSION

- We do not preach God's Word because we know exactly what will happen; we preach it because we know the one who sent it, and we can trust Him with the results.

The Word that never returns empty.

- When God's Word speaks, His Words work.
- There is power and purpose in God's Word.
- God's Word will accomplish His purpose, Trust God's Word.
- IN JESUS NAME...Amen...