



**Ephesians 6:10-12 (1:15-23), 1 Chronicles 21:1-17, 2 Kings 6:8-17**

*"I'm On Dad's Team!"*

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**Consult the Scriptures:**

**1 Chronicles 21:1-17**

**Ephesians 6:10-12 (cf. 1:15-23)**

**2 Kings 6:8-17**

*(See also: Deut. 17:14-20, 1 Kgs. 10:26-11:4, Ps. 20:7, Josh. 1:5-6, 9, Acts 19:11-16, 1 Tim. 3:16, Heb. 1:13)*

**Consult the Scholars:**

**A Mighty Fortress is our God,**

By Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work his woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;

Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth is his name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,—  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! His doom is sure,—  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers—  
No thanks to them—abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also:  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is for ever.

### **Discuss:**

1. Read 1 Chron. 21:1-17 and discuss. From the sermon Sunday, what was the “great evil” (vs. 17) did King David commit? (see also Deut. 17:14-20, 1 Kgs, 10:26-11:4, Ps. 20:7) What principle is established in this story?
2. Related to the above question, what are some of the ways we might commit that particular sin today?
3. Read Ephesians 6:10-12 and discuss. How does this text relate to the story of David in 1 Chronicles?

4. What does it mean to “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might” (Eph. 6:10)? How do we tend to measure strength? How is the strength Paul mentions different?
5. How does the sermon’s title relate to Paul’s command to “be strong in the Lord” (vs. 10)?
6. If our battle is not against “flesh and blood” (vs. 12), then who is it against? Read Ephesians 1:15-23 and discuss. How does this passage connect to Eph. 6:12?
7. Read 2 Kings 6:8-17 and discuss. In what way might this story illustrate what Paul is talking about in Ephesians 1:15-23 and 6:10-12? How might this challenge our own faith?
8. Read (or sing) the above hymn by Martin Luther and discuss its truths. What stands out to you?
9. What challenged you with this week’s sermon? What questions do you still have? What’s your next move?