

Take Up your Sword **Pastor Tabatha**

I. Introduction

- a. The local church is like a spiritual family.
 - i. Jesus is the head of the body or the congregation.
 - ii. The members of the congregation who are believers are children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - iii. The lead pastors of the church are like spiritual parents over the church because they have been giving the responsibility to watch over the congregation and must give an account over their congregation to God.
- b. A mother sees things in her children that they themselves cannot see.
 - i. A mother can also see storms approaching that their children cannot see.
- c. Mothers pray over, nurture and comfort their children when they may have injured themselves or feel sick.
 - i. Likewise, spiritual mothers pray over their children for restoration.
 - ii. Spiritual mothers don't see what their children did yesterday, they see what they can do tomorrow.
- d. Children come to attention when their mother is speaking.
 - i. Likewise, children of a spiritual mother come to attention in the spirit when their spiritual mother speaks.

Genesis 3:1-6 NIV

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

II. Our Identity

- a. God gave each of us an identity and a purpose.
- b. Since the beginning of time, our identity and purpose has been attacked by the lies of the enemy.
 - i. In the beginning Eve listened to Satan's lies on how to be like God and forgot that she was already like God.
 1. When we listen to what other people say about us, we are in danger of forgetting what God said about us.
 2. We are greater than our looks and our abilities: we are complete in God.

III. Take up Your Sword

- a. In order to combat the lies of the enemy, we must take up our swords.
- b. Our sword is the word of God.
 - i. The word of God or the Bible is sharper than any two edged sword.
- c. We use our sword by saying the word of God in response to any negative word or situation.
 - i. In order to use our swords we must study the Word of God and learn it until we can readily say it in any situation.
 - ii. When we say the word of God, God hears it and sends angels to fight and protect on our behalf.
 - iii. When we know who you are and when to take up our swords, we will be unstoppable.

Eph 6:17 (NIV)

Take the helmet of salvation and sword of the spirit which is the word of God.