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Ephesians 6:19-20 “and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

I. A Sword that \_\_\_\_\_ Through the Darkness

Ephesians 6:17b “and take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

II. A Supernatural Weapon from \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”

2 Peter 1:20-21 “knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence

B. Scientific Evidence

1. The Importance of \_\_\_\_\_ to Your Life  
(Leviticus 17:11a)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Laws  
(Leviticus 13:46)

3. Understanding \_\_\_\_\_  
(Numbers 19:16a,19b)

4. Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ and the Eburs Papyrus

5. Astronomy  
(Job 26:7)

6. The Roundness of the Earth  
(Isaiah 40:22a)

7. The Vast Number of Stars  
(Jeremiah 33:22a)

C. Historical and Archaeological Evidence

D. \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence

III. Jesus Shows Us How to Wield the Sword

Matthew 4:1-2 “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.”

A. Temptation #1  
(Matthew 4:3-4)

B. Temptation #2  
(Matthew 4:5-7)

C. Temptation #3  
(Matthew 4:8-11)

IV. How to Take Up the Sword of the Spirit

A. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word

B. Meditate on the Word and Begin to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Psalm 1:1-3)

Psalm 119:11 “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Psalm 119:72 “The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.”

Psalm 119:103 “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

C. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word

2 Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

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### BACKGROUND:

Today Pastor Jason preached on the last piece in our sermon series about the Armor of God, the Sword of the Spirit (*Ephesians 6:17*). Paul describes the sword of the Spirit as the Word of God. The Bible defines the Word of God in three ways; the written word, the incarnate Word (*John 1:1-14*), and the spoken word. Paul happened to be guarded by a Roman soldier who carried a double-edged sword. The author of Hebrews tells us, "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (*Hebrews 4:12*). What a weapon to wield!

### DIGGING DEEPER:

**The Bible assures us that the Word is our God-breathed authority (2 Timothy 3:16). Knowing God's Word is a defense against evil (Psalm 119:11) and helps us resist sin (Ezekiel 36:27). God also gives us a Helper (John 14:16-17) who will lead us into all truth (John 16:13). John describes this Helper as the Holy Spirit (John 14:26) He trains us to use the sword for protection.**

1. How prepared are you to use the written word to defend yourself against attack?
2. What example did Jesus provide for us as to how we can use the written word as a weapon? (*Luke 4:1-13*)
3. In what ways does the Holy Spirit lead you into all truth?
4. How is the written word of God living and active in your life?

**John describes Jesus as "the Word" (Greek word: Logos). That he was in the beginning, he was with God, and that he was God. (John 1:1-2) John also said that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)**

5. How has the incarnate Word already defeated the enemy (*Hebrews 2:14-15*)? Where does Jesus give you victory in your life?
6. What attacks in your life has Jesus saved you from?
7. How does knowing Jesus equip you for the trials, troubles, and attacks you face in life?
8. How is Jesus living and active in your life?

**The spoken word is a powerful source of authority and encouragement. God created all things with His spoken word (Genesis 1:3). From the boat Jesus spoke to the storm, and it became still (Luke 8:23-25). Sharing the good news of the Gospel and your testimony are other examples of the spoken word. Paul reminds us that "faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17)**

9. How do you speak God's Word into your life and the life of others?
10. Describe your prayer-life and its importance to your relationship with God?
11. When have you ever offered scripture up as a prayer or prayed it over anyone?
12. When was the last time you shared your witness or the gospel with someone? What might prevent you from doing so?
13. How do you keep the spoken word alive and active?

### TAKING IT HOME:

**As we look back over the entire Armor of God we see that we are not defenseless. God is faithful to give us everything we need. We simply need to put on His armor. We clothe ourselves in His truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and word. When we do that we can extinguish the fiery arrows of the enemy. Beyond putting it all on each day, we need to know how to use each piece of the armor. This comes from knowing God, listening to the Holy Spirit, as we are transformed into the image of Christ.**

14. What have you learned from this sermon series on the Armor of God?
15. How can you apply what you've learned to your life?
16. How might you have greater faith and boldness as you face spiritual attacks?
17. Who do you know that is under attack that God may use you to help them put on their armor?