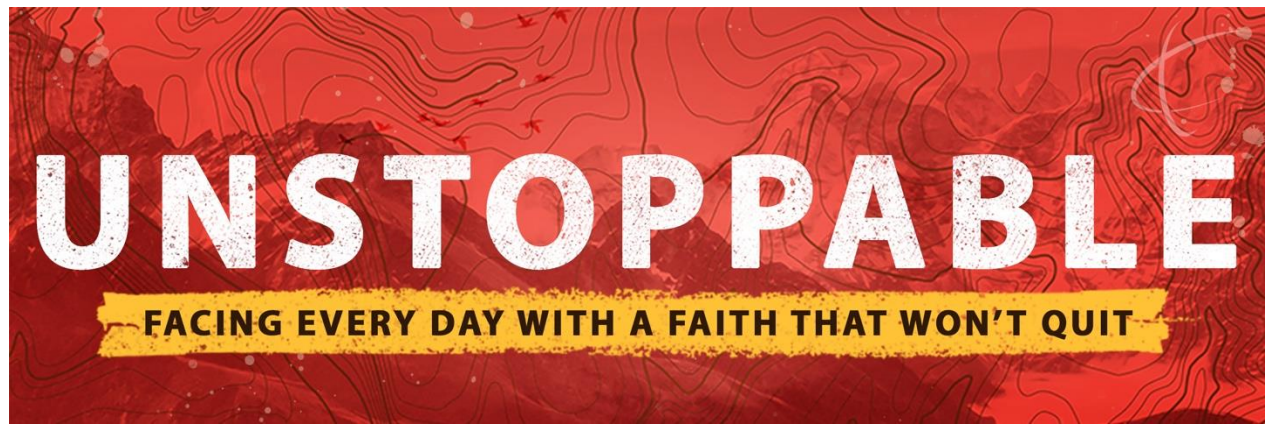


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Unstoppable Wisdom*

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. - Ephesians 6:17

A Roman soldier's helmet was made of hardened leather and was strengthened with metal. They were meant to protect the soldier's head from blows inflicted from the enemy.

In Ephesians 6, Paul says to "take the helmet of salvation." He was writing to people who had received salvation through trusting in Jesus. The metaphorical helmet of salvation is a spiritual helmet, not to grant a person salvation, (Paul wasn't saying take the helmet of salvation to be saved) but it was meant to protect the believer's assurance of salvation.

Dr. David Jeremiah says, "Just as a physical helmet protects a soldier's brain, the spiritual helmet protects your mind from the assaults of Satan's lies, corrupt philosophies, and confusion of thought—the weapons he uses to undermine your commitment and conviction of security in Christ."

Confidence in your salvation protects you against doubt and confusion.

Discussion

1. Many people when left to their own thoughts experience "an inner critical voice." Have you experienced this and what does your inner critical voice tell you? How does the evil one (Satan) discourage us and confuse us and make us doubt our salvation in Jesus?
2. Read 2 Samuel 16:5-12. David and his household are leaving Jerusalem to flee from Absalom and one person took the opportunity to curse David while he was down. How did David choose to respond? How was this a wise response? What can we learn about David's confidence in his calling?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-24 & 30-31. How is trusting in Jesus for salvation wisdom? How is the wisdom of Jesus foolishness to the world?
4. Read Philippians 2:1-13. How does the helmet of salvation help us to have the same mindset as Jesus? Why is it wise to fear God? What does it mean to work out our salvation?
5. David at the end of his life chooses to praise God because he chose to praise God throughout his life no matter what evil powers came against him. Spend time reading 2 Samuel 22, Psalm 27:1-3, and Psalm 62. What words or phrases captured your heart and mind? What might God want to teach you?

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Application

6. Read 1 Corinthians 10:3-5. Are any of your thoughts held captive by the evil one? What thoughts need to be held captive and made obedient to Jesus? How can you allow the divine power of God to demolish strongholds in your life?
7. From what you learned in question 5 spend time praising God in song, in prayer, and thanksgiving.