The Revolutionary Disciple — Week 6

Sermon Notes

Main Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

Series Theme: Relationally **Restore**, **Raise Up**, and **Release** disciples of Jesus Christ.

Big Idea: A disciple of Jesus abides in Christ, lives according to God's design, and stands firm in spiritual battle with the armor of God—together with the church.

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1. A Disciple Follows Jesus Into God's Design

Matthew 4:19 — "*Come, follow me… and I will make you fishers of men.*"

A **disciple** is:

- **Following Jesus**
- **Being changed by Jesus**
- **Committed to the mission of Jesus**

Discipleship is the process of being realigned with God's original design for every part of life.

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2. Jesus Does Not Just Bless Our Life—He Reorders It

The false gospel says Jesus exists to bless our dreams and remove all problems.

But true discipleship means surrendering to Jesus as Lord and allowing Him to rearrange our lives according to His Word.

Key image:

- Building on the rock means hearing Jesus' words and putting them into practice.
- Building on the sand means hearing His words but refusing to obey.

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3. The Five Spheres of Discipleship

The sermon connects the "*five spheres*" to the book of **Ephesians**:

1. **Abiding relationship with God** (Who you are in Christ!)
2. **Church family**
3. **Home life**
4. **World sphere**
5. **Spiritual realm sphere**

As we abide in Christ, He shapes every sphere of life.

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4. We Are in a Spiritual Battle

Ephesians 6:10–12

Paul reminds believers that our struggle is not ultimately against people, governments, bosses, neighbors, or earthly systems.

Our real enemy is spiritual:

- The devil is a liar.
- He schemes.

- He deceives.
- His goal is to destroy our relationship with God and others.

We must not confuse people with the true enemy behind the scenes.

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5. Jesus Shows Us How to Fight Temptation

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He responded with Scripture: **"*It is written…*"**

Jesus fought the devil's lies with the truth of God's Word.

The enemy often attacks when we are:

- Tired
- Alone
- Hungry
- Discouraged
- Questioning God's goodness

But we live not by bread alone, but by every word from God.

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6. Put on the Full Armor of God

Ephesians 6:13–18

Believers are called to stand firm by putting on God's armor:

- **Belt of Truth** — God's truth holds everything together.
- **Breastplate of Righteousness** — We pursue righteousness and rest in Christ's righteousness.
- **Shoes of the Gospel of Peace** — We are peacemakers, not people looking for a fight.
- **Shield of Faith** — We trust God above what we can see.
- **Helmet of Salvation** — We remember who we are in Christ.
- **Sword of the Spirit** — The Word of God is our weapon.
- **Prayer in the Spirit** — We depend on God in the battle.

Closing Challenge

- If Jesus is not at the center, everything else is out of order.
- We need Christ to lead us, empower us, and help us stand.

Final encouragement:

"***He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world.***"

Response:

- Where are you struggling to stand firm?
- Where do you need prayer, truth, community, or surrender?
- Come to Jesus and abide in Him.
- Will you be humble enough to come get prayer and the help you need to stand firm?