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Prepared for the Day

So, what are you wearing tomorrow?

I picked up the idea of getting my clothes prepared the night before some time ago. It really does help with the morning rush! Too often we can ruin the morning by hurrying, not getting a good breakfast, searching for that one sock, or running back into the house because you almost forget to get _____... again.

Although it may take you a few minutes, it is good to sit and think about your next day... before it all comes at you full force because then it is too late! The old axiom is true, "Fail to plan, plan to fail." It is the idea of being prepared, as much as one can be, for whatever.

Some of us may remember mom reminding us before we left for the day, "Make sure you have on clean underwear... just in case!" In case of what? As funny as that sounds, it may lead us to a point.

It is important to think about who or what you may face tomorrow. Prepare today how to have the best tomorrow you can. There are some things we will **never know** about tomorrow, especially in 2020! Yet, there are some things that we **can know** about

tomorrow that can help us in our physical, mental, and spiritual preparations.

- 1) Tomorrow, you know God's Word will be true.
- 2) Tomorrow, you know the Devil will try to discourage, tempt, or frustrate your life.
- 3) Tomorrow, you will have some decisions to make.
- 4) Tomorrow is coming, Lord willing. Now, what will I do with it?

As a follower of Christ, now imagine yourself getting prepared as the Apostle Paul suggests in Ephesians 6.

Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Think of it this way, instead of hiding from tomorrows fears, why not face them - even call them out (even if it is just in your mind). Declare that though I may be weak physically, emotionally, and even spiritually at this moment, "my Lord is strong and His mighty power is within me and goes before me." Proclaim today, "I am putting on His armor, so I can stand against whatever the enemy throws at me."

Then when the enemy throws a fiery dart your way,

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you are able to deflect it and not be weakened from it! Some days you can wield a scripture God has given you, other days you may stop them by recalling God's faithfulness in your life. One of the best weapons against the enemy is praise...praise to the Lord your God for His saving grace, for your future in Heaven, and that your life is in His Hands. The enemy's weapons formed against you soon crumble. As you find strength through prayer with your King, you will find you have the full authority of Heaven's Armies supporting you. As David said "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me..." (**Ps 23:4**)

So, what are you wearing tomorrow?

I've got a suggestion.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Clothed in His Righteousness,

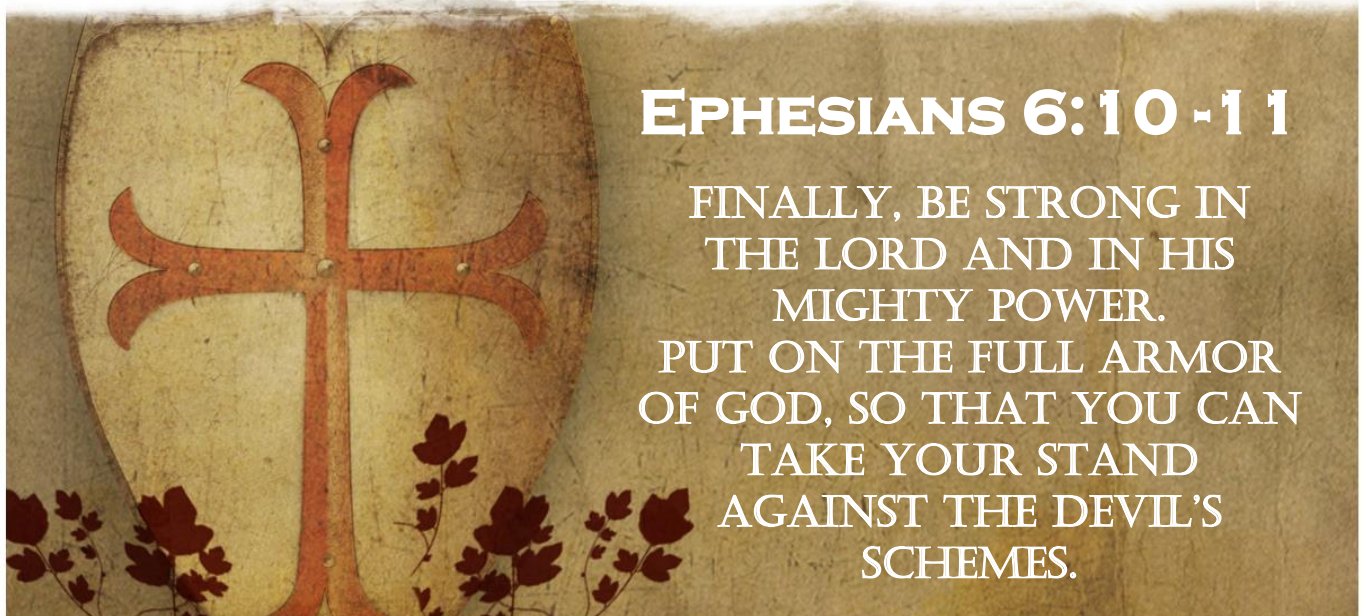
Pastor Scott and Cindy

Success

Retold by Alice Gray

Mother Teresa attended a gathering with kings and presidents and statesmen from all over the world. They were there in their crowns and jewels and silks and Mother Teresa wore her sari held together by a safety pin.

One of the noblemen spoke to her of her work with the poorest of the poor in Calcutta. He asked her if she didn't become discouraged because she saw so few successes in her ministry. Mother Teresa answered, "No, I do not become discouraged. You see, God has not called me to a ministry of success. He has called me to a ministry of mercy."





PRAISES...

- Praise the Lord for our visitors! They have shared how they love how warm and inviting our people are and how they enjoy the services! To God be the glory!
- Praise the Lord for our men's breakfast each Tuesday morning! Great food and great conversations!
- Praise the Lord for Pastor Scott's uncle Don Robinson is coming home after having a pacemaker put in.

PRAYER NEEDS...

- Schools – Administrators, teachers, and students.
- Our Government and Country
- COVID-19 to end
- All those affected by the virus – unemployment, companies and business laying off or closing, and the continued hardship on those trying to survive financially.

Modified Faith Promise for 2020 – August 30th

Due to COVID-19, we are scaling back our events for the weekend to just the morning service. However, we will still have an exciting time promoting World Missions through our Faith Promise service. We are excited to have our guest missionaries from a Creative Access Area. This means we are not able to share publicly where they are currently serving due to religious persecution and restrictions. You will enjoy hearing from them!

Here's a little explanation about Faith Promise:

What is Faith Promise? Faith Promise is our way of raising funds to support and fund the spread of the Gospel around the world through the Church of the Nazarene. We consider Faith Promise a form of worship by stepping out in faith and relying on God to provide the funds that we might not see. We do this by asking you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to faithfully give on a weekly/monthly basis (on top of your regular giving) over the next year. Your pledge is confidential and between you and God.

At the end of the service we will have everyone fill out their card and then drop it off in the offering box when dismissed. We will also receive a deputation offering for our guest missionaries – and at the same time, you can drop off an offering for their ministry. You can mark your check "missionary deputation" in the memo, or all loose offering in this service will go to the missionaries. More than ever, our missionaries need our support! So, join us August 30th!

We are collecting **School Pal-Paks** and **Crisis Care Kits** to send out to meet the needs of individuals across the world! If you want to provide one or several of these items, please bring them to the church and place in the properly labeled boxes in the foyer. It is important that you purchase new items **EXACTLY** as they are listed, or they cannot be shipped out to help others. Your contribution is needed and appreciated! Thanks! We would love to see how many of these bags we can complete by the end of August. Questions: See Lisa Fishburn.



- ✓ 2 – Composition Notebooks
(no larger than 9 ¾" x 7 ½")
- ✓ 1 – Package of 10 to 12 of #2 Pencils
- ✓ 1 – Package of 10 to 12 Ballpoint Black Pens
- ✓ 2 – Pink/White Erasers, 2 to 3 inches long
- ✓ 2 – Rulers with Metric Measurements
(6" or 12")
- ✓ 1 – Package of 12 to 15 Colored Pencils
- ✓ 1 – Pair of Blunt Nosed Scissors
- ✓ 1 – Handheld Pencil Sharpener
(NOT electric / battery powered)



- ✓ 1 – Shampoo (12 to 18 oz)
- ✓ 2 – Bars of Soap (Bath size or larger)
- ✓ 1 – Toothpaste (4.0 to 6.4 oz)
- ✓ 3 – Toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- ✓ 1 – Box of Band-Aids (30 or more)
- ✓ 1 – Fingernail Clippers
- ✓ 1 – Sturdy Hair Comb
- ✓ 2 – Hand Towels
- ✓ 4 – Pocket-sized pkgs. Kleenex
- ✓ 1 – Beanie Baby-Sized Stuffed Toy

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

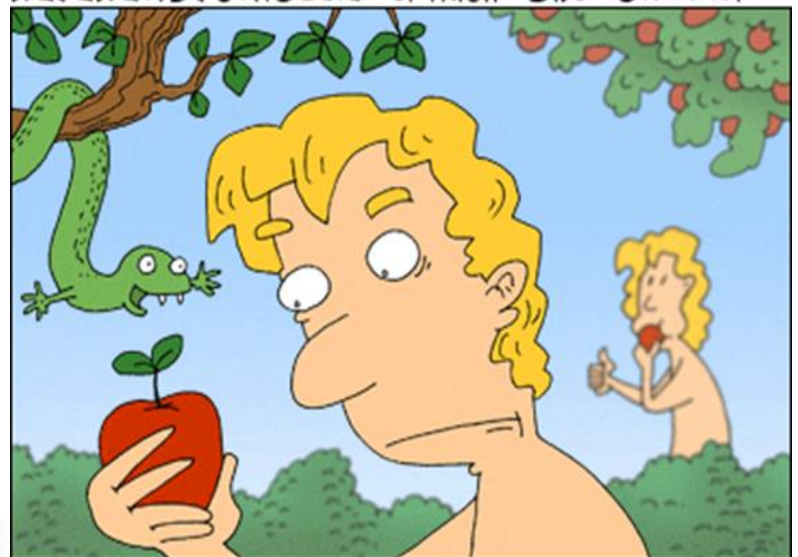
Safety Team Meeting – this Sunday, August 23, after the morning service. It will be short and informative. This is for anyone who would like to be involved in helping us with any emergency situations with weather or fire, health emergencies, and security.

R!OT Youth Meetings – Sundays, from 5-7pm. We will be meeting outside for now. Bring a lawn chair and a friend!

Wednesday Prayer – 6:30pm each week in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.

Children's Church is coming back... this Sunday, August 23! We'll be studying the Lord's Prayer. Please note: Drop children off in the Youth Room no earlier than 10:30am. All children must wear masks, and we will abide by all safety measures. We can't wait to see you there! 😊

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