

This Is War: Suit Up

(I Peter 5:8-9; Ephesians 6:10-18)

Introduction.

Several years ago, Rick Parker, Rick Bradley, and I went to a BMAA National Meeting in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. While there, I bought the items necessary for a good practical joke – a starter pistol.

On the way home from the meeting, I pretended to get angry with Rick Bradley and pulled out the pistol and “shot him.” If you could have seen the look on his face – priceless!!

Although the starter pistol could not harm him, because of the noise, it’s appearance, and Rick’s ignorance of the situation, he was fooled.

Similarly, Satan is a defeated enemy, but because of his noise, his activity, and man’s ignorance of His activity, we are often fooled.

The point of today’s message is demonstrate, though Satan is a formidable enemy, he is a defeated enemy. Through Christ’s strength, we can be victorious over his schemes.

Contextualize this sermon in the This Is War Series

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I. Engage The Enemy (Eph. 6:10-13)

Truth: Believers can resist the enemy, through Christ, and he will flee.

“Resist” does not call for passive resistance, but an active, aggressive effort to put the enemy to flight.

A) You have the resources for victory through Christ
(Eph. 6:10)

B) He is a defeated enemy. (Eph. 6:11-12)

C) Resist the Devil and he will flee (Eph. 6:13)

II. Equip Yourself (Eph. 6:14-17)

Truth: God has fully equipped you for victory over the enemy.

A) Belt of Truth – integrity (6:14)

B) Breastplate of Righteousness – right living (6:14)

C) Gospel Shoes – grace (6:15)

D) Shield of Faith – trust (6:16)

E) Helmet of Salvation – hope (6:17)

F) Sword – Bible (6:17)

III. Energize Your Efforts (Ephesians 6:18)

Truth: Intentional, specific prayer is the catalyst to victory over the enemy in your life.

A) Pray intentionally

B) Pray in the spirit

C) Persistent watching

Conclusion

What area of your life is Satan defeating you? Family?
Work? Spiritual walk? Thought life? Bitterness?
Discouragement? Victory can be yours if you follow the
battle plan!

Today, God is drawing people to Him. However, because
of fear, doubt, or other issue, you are reluctant to commit
your life to Him fully. Don't let the Enemy win!!