BE STRONG! (Ephesians 6:10-13)

- I. The NEED for Spiritual ENERGY (Eph. 6:10)
 - A. We are STRENGTHENED by a power NOT our OWN
 - 1. "Be STRONG/STRENGTHENED"—great POWER provided from an OUTSIDE SOURCE
 - 2. "STRENGTH"—an ENERGY more than ADEQUATE to accomplish its goal
 - 3. "MIGHT"—a POWER that is intrinsic to the NATURE and ESSENCE of the provider
 - B. We need DAILY strengthening for the BATTLE
- II. The NATURE of the Spiritual ENEMY (Eph. 6:11-13)
 - A. The PURPOSE of the ARMOR (6:11-12a)
 - 1. We are AT WAR
 - a. Lists the equipment of a heavily ARMED and thoroughly PREPARED Roman soldier
 - b. The "WHOLE" armor means a COMPLETE suit
 - 2. We are IN DANGER

- a. Stand your GROUND in the face of ATTACK
- b. The enemy has a DECEITFUL BATTLE plan filled with TRAPS and DANGERS
- 3. We are engaged in PERSONAL COMBAT
- B. The POWER of the ADVERSARY (6:12b)
 - 1. We are opposed by "RULERS"
 - 2. We are opposed by "POWERS"
 - 3. We are opposed by "WORLD FORCES of this DARKNESS"
 - 4. We are opposed by "spiritual WICKEDNESS in the HEAVENLIES"
- C. The POTENTIAL for ACHIEVEMENT (6:13)
 - 1. We need the WHOLE SET of ARMOR
 - We must OPPOSE and RESIST the destructive onslaught of the "EVIL DAY"
 - 3. Obedience will enable us to STAND VICTORIOUS