**Equipped Part 1: Sermon Notes**

There is a time for everything and a season for everything under the Sun. (Ecclesiastes 3)

A **time to be born** and **a time to die**.

A **time to plant** and **a time to uproot**.

A **time to tear down** and **a time to build**.

A **time to search** and **a time to give up searching** and move on.

A **time to be silent** and **a time to speak**.

A time for war and a **time for peace.**

*There is a season for everything in the course of a year.*

Were you ready for them? Were you **EQUIPPED** to handle them?

*Ephesians 4:11,12 ESV And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,* ***12****to* ***equip****the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

*Ephesians 4: 14 -16 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.* ***15****Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,* ***16****from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with* ***which it is equipped****…*

*Hebrews 13:20-21 ESV Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21* ***equip you*** *with* ***everything good that you may do his will****, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen*

**May the God of Peace Equip You with everything good so you can do his will as you face everything comes your way under the sun in 2023!**

By definition: **Equip: to provide someone with what they need to fulfill their purpose.** But not just any purpose, a God-given purpose.

*Ephesians 6:13 ESV Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

*Ephesians 6:17,18 and take the* ***helmet of salvation****, and the sword of the Spirit, which is* ***the word of God,******praying at all times in the Spirit****…*

**Helmet of salvation – Word of God – Prayer - (Your Equipment for battle)**

I want you to think **Equipped**… **Equipping**… **Equipment**!

* You have to get it!
* You have to put it on!
* You have to use it!

**Vision: This is a year for a more intense and strategic focus on Equipping the Saints.**

* *For the work of the ministry*
* *For the building up of the body of Christ*
* *So, we will not get blown up by the devil’s scheme*

**God Equips the Called, He doesn’t Call the Equipped.**

Repeatedly we see God calling ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

* *Moses, a man living in the desert who was considered to be a failure* ***led a nation to freedom****.*

* *David, a shepherd boy who was looked down upon by his brothers went into battle and* ***killed a Giant***

**Being equipped has nothing to do with your skillset, but everything to do with your obedience to God.**

**God Equips the Committed!**

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for* ***training in righteousness****,* ***17****that the man of God may be complete,* ***equipped****for* ***every good work****.*