



**Title** | The Surprising Battlefield  
**Series** | The Church that Changed the World  
**Text** | Acts 19:11-20; Ephesians 6:11-18  
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# Sermon Notes

**Acts 19:11** And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, **12** so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. **13** Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." **14** Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. **15** But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" **16** And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. **17** And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. **18** Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. **19** And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. **20** So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

**Ephesians 6:11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** 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. **14** Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. **16** In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; **17** and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, **18** praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, *ESV*

## Big Idea:

Be	Belt =
	Breastplate =
	Boots =
	Shield =
	Helmet =
	Sword =

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## **For Reflection and Application:**

### **Monday:**

Read Acts 19:11-20. From this text, what can we say about the presence of evil spirits and how believers are to deal with them in everyday life?

### **Tuesday:**

Why is Ephesians 6:11-18 particularly helpful in sorting out what believers are to do in connection with Acts 19:11-20?

### **Wednesday:**

In the context leading up to Ephesians 6:11-18, Paul talks about the relationship of believers to one another in the church, the relationship of husbands and wives in marriage, the relationship between parents and children in a family, and the relationship between employers and employees in the workplace. What does this suggest about where the battlefield is in spiritual warfare?

### **Thursday:**

Read Ephesians 6:11-18. What do each of the pieces of armor represent? How can you apply each one in your relationships?

### **Friday:**

Why is it important to put on the armor of God? What are the consequences of putting it on and leaving it off?

### **Daily Prayer:**

Lord, help me to recognize that in spiritual warfare, the battlefield is relationships, and the armor is godliness. Help me to put on the armor of God that I may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.  
Amen.