## "Are You Standing Firm in Faith?" February 25, 2024 \* Ephesians 6:10-20 for spiritual battle, 6:10 We all face battles We are coming out of, going into or right in the middle of a spiritual battle We find our in the Lord, 6:10 Philippians 4:13, John 15:5, 1 Samuel 17:47 Recognize enemy & his tactics. 6:11-12 (Satan, the evil one, Adversary, Great dragon, Accuser of brothers), 6:11 Our enemy is the Matt. 4:1; 6:13; 1 Peter 5:8; Eph. 4:7; James 4:7; Rev. 12:9-10 Spiritual forces of darkness (rulers, authorities, cosmic powers over this present darkness, spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places) - demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God and followed Satan of the devil, 6:11 ✓ Deceive us (disbelief and doubt) ✓ Distract us (other things matter more than faith in Jesus") ✓ Discourage us (disappointment) ✓ Defeat us (disease, death, disaster) **Put on full of God,** 6:11, 13, 14-17 "put on the whole armor of God" (11) "take up the whole armor of God" (13) 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 like a belt around your waist (14) Righteousness like armor on your chest (14) Readiness given by the gospel of peace on your feet (15) to extinguish the flaming darts of the evil one (16) Helmet of salvation (17) of the Spirit which is God's Word (17) our feet firmly, 6:11, 13-14 "that you may be able to stand" (11) "that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm" (13) "Stand firm therefore" (14) 1 Cor. 10:12, "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall." We are to flee immorality (1 Cor. 6:18, Gen. 39:12) evil desires (2 Tim. 2:22) idolatry (1 Cor. 10:14) at all times, 6:18-19

Fill in the blanks: Prepare, strength, devil, Schemes, armor, Truth, faith, Sword, Plant, Pray

Proclaim the Gospel, 6:19-20