

**June 24, 2018**

**Series: Super Powered**

**Sermon Title: *Equipped with the Tools***

**Key Scriptures:**

**Ephesians 6:16-20 (NRSV)**

**<sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.**

**Big Idea:**

***Now and Not Yet***

**Guard your HEART-Shield of Faith**

**Psalm 7:10 (NRSV) God is my shield, who saves the upright in heart.**

**Psalm 18:30 (NRSV) This God—his way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.**

**Psalm 33:20 (NRSV) Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.**

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### Guard your **MIND**-Helmet of Salvation

**Isaiah 59:17 (NRSV) <sup>17</sup>He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head;**

**1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NRSV) <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.**

**Philippians 1:21 (NRSV) <sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.**

### Guard your **LIFE**-Sword of the Spirit/Word

**Psalms 119:11 (NRSV) <sup>11</sup>I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.**

**Hebrews 4:12 (NRSV) <sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

**Matthew 4:4 (NRSV) <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NRSV) <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.**

### Challenge Questions:

**How will you guard your heart with faith?**

**How will you guard your mind with the now and the not yet?**

**How can you feast more on the word?**

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