

HOMECELL NOTES

HAVING DONE ALL TO STAND PART 3

14 MARCH 2021

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell online.

WORSHIP

Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together.

WORD

Ephesians 6:10-14a NKJV

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore...

Last week we looked at how important it is that whenever you take a stand, to stand on truth. Jesus is the truth and His kingdom is what we stand for.

This week we continue putting on God's armour as we take a stand:

1. Put on the breastplate of righteousness (Ephesians 6:14b)

Ask a few cell members to read Revelation 12:10, Proverbs 4:23 and Romans 10:6-11

Q: How would you explain the term "guard your heart" to someone?

- The first thing the enemy attacks is your heart
- Your heart is where your belief and your identity stem from
- What you believe will be your reality (see Proverbs 23:7a and 27:19)
- Satan uses accusation to bring doubt, fear and insecurity to silence you
- Recognise that your righteousness is not your own, it is through Jesus you are made righteous (see Philippians 3:9)

2. Shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel (Ephesians 6:15)

Ask a cell member to read Revelation 12:11 and Romans 10:15

Q: Why do you think this is an important part of the armour of God?

- We overcome by sharing our testimony with people
- The true gospel is a relational gospel, bringing people into a two-fold relationship:
 - with Christ
 - with His Church

3. Take the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16)

Ask a few cell members to read Hebrews 11:6 and Romans 10:17

Q: The opposite of faith is fear. Why is fear so dangerous?

- Faith shields, fear yields
- If churches remain closed, Christians will hear less faith and put down their shield
- When gripped by fear people worship safety - they withhold their tithe, stop sharing their faith etc
- Fear spreads like wildfire

4. Take the helmet of salvation (Ephesians 6:17)

Ask a member to read Romans 12:2

Renew your mind to the fact that you are justified by faith once and sanctified constantly in order to live out your purpose.

5. Take the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)

Ask a few cell members to read Job 22:8 and Isaiah 55:10-11

Q: What practical advice do you take from these verses?

- Know Scripture
- Declare Scripture

Q: Which piece of armour do you need to focus the most on right now in order to take a stand?

God has called you and does not want you to be pushed around or pushed over.

You are called to stand and overcome!

WORKS

As you might know, Pastor At and several other Church Leaders met with the President today (Wednesday) regarding the safe opening of the churches. We ask you as a homecell to stand in the gap tonight for a favourable outcome in this situation. We're trusting God that churches will be allowed to open to 50% for their Easter services (2-4 April 2021).

As a Homecell, identify the most pressing needs (among people in your immediate world) that should be addressed a.s.a.p. (include the following: food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business/career needs, emotional needs etc.) As a Homecell, how can you assist in meeting some of these needs?

