

# HOMECELL NOTES

## HAVING DONE ALL TO STAND PART 4

21 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...*

If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything. This week we continue putting on God's armour as we take a stand:

#### **1. Gird your waist with truth (Ephesians 6:14a)**

Jesus is the truth and His kingdom is what we stand for

#### **2. Put on the breastplate of righteousness (Ephesians 6:14b)**

Guard your heart

#### **3. Shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel (Ephesians 6:15)**

Prepare the minds of men to give the Messiah a fit reception

#### **4. Take the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16)**

Faith shields, fear yields.

**Ask a cell member to read Numbers 13:27-33**

**Q: We read of two responses in this passage – fear and faith. What tells you that the 10 spies yielded to fear?**

- Fear activates two reactions: despair (loss of hope) or prayer
- Their speech revealed their hearts
- They spoke more about the obstacles than the opportunities
- They magnified the problems and challenges more than God's promises

**Q: Do you think God's promises towards us can change?**

- **Ask a cell member to read 2 Corinthians 1:18-20**
- God doesn't change His mind - He keeps His promises
- A change in circumstance does not cause a change in promise
- F.E.A.R. = False Evidence Appearing Real

**Q: Why is it important that we stand firm in our faith towards the promises of God?**

- Fear causes unbelief and unbelief changes our belief in God's promises
- Fear erodes our confidence in God's goodness and faithfulness, and makes us worship safety
- Beware of "learned hopelessness" – your circumstance is not your destiny

#### **5. Take the helmet of salvation (Ephesians 6:17)**

**Ask a few cell members to read Ephesians 6:17-18 (TPT), Philippians 4:8-9 and Romans 12:2**

- When we make a mistake, we don't lose our salvation
- Sanctification is a process, a lifelong journey
- As part of that process we must renew our minds.

**Q: What has helped you in the past to renew your mind?**

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

**Ask a few cell members to read Romans 10:17, Job 22:28, Isaiah 55:10-11**

We shouldn't only be on the defensive, we must be offensive

**Q: How do you think the Word of God enables us to advance?**

- It stirs up faith in us; without it our faith would be worn down
- God's Word is powerful – it always accomplishes its purpose. If God said it, that settles it
- When we hear and speak the Word of God, we establish; and when we establish, we occupy

**Q: How equipped are you for the battles you are fighting? What can you do to equip yourself for the battles to come?**

**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 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?

