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UNITED - Ephesians 6:10-11- Be Strong Put On

SUMMARY: Today's sermon focused on Ephesians 6:10-11, where Paul exhorts believers to "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might." The message began with the stark reality of spiritual warfare, emphasizing that Christians are not passive spectators but active participants in God's kingdom. Using vivid analogies—like the hard-working farmer, the IKEA furniture builder, and the mountaineer—the sermon highlighted the necessity of partnering with God, not just relying on His sovereignty as an excuse for inaction. The armor of God is not for show; it's essential equipment for standing firm against the devil's schemes, which are subtle, persistent, and often disguised as good. The sermon closed with a call to vigilance, self-examination, and a reminder that compromise is a slow drift, not a sudden fall. Communion was presented as a time to reorient ourselves to God's truth and grace.

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:10-11, 5:11-12; 1 Corinthians 3:6; 2 Timothy 2:1-5, 15; Matthew 19:24-26; Genesis 3:1-6; 2 Samuel 11:1; Luke 22:31; Mark 14:26-29; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Genesis 13-14

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. **The sermon said that God's sovereignty doesn't mean we sit back and do nothing. In what area of your life have you been waiting for God to act, when maybe He's inviting you to step out in faith and obedience?**
2. **Think about your daily or weekly habits. Are there any "small compromises" you've made that could be pointing your tent in the wrong direction? What's one step you could take to reorient?**
3. **The devil's schemes are described as subtle and persistent. What is one area where you feel most vulnerable to his tactics (like questioning God's word, pride, or complacency)? How can you guard against it this week?**
4. **The sermon mentioned that pride whispers, "this warning is for someone else, not me." Are there any warnings from Scripture or from others that you've been ignoring? What would it look like to humbly receive them?**
5. **Community and accountability were highlighted as safeguards. Who in your life helps keep you accountable? If you don't have someone, what's one step you could take to build that kind of relationship?**
6. **During communion, we're called to remember, repent, and renew our commitment. What is one truth about God, sin, or yourself that you need to remember and hold onto this week?**
7. **The sermon challenged us to pray big prayers, trusting in God's strength. What is one "mountain" or "giant" in your life that you need to bring to God in prayer right now?**