

# MARINERS CHURCH



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## We are Strong

3.5.23

**We are Coastsiders, loving Jesus and loving each other and doing the most important thing in the world.**

*"I will build my church, and the gates of hell can't stand against it"*  
-Jesus, Matthew 16:18

We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world. Ephesians 6:12

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:11-12

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. Ephesians 6:10

We are not ignorant of Satan's schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11

**Put on the body armor of God's righteousness.**

**For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News**

In addition to all of these, hold up the **shield of faith** to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

Put on **salvation as your helmet**,

and take **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion...** for all believers everywhere.

### For your LifeGroup and growth time.

We're going to talk about the whole issue of "spiritual warfare."

What happens if we ignore the armor of God?

Read Ephesians 6:10-20.

What is your experience with spiritual warfare (temptation, enticement to sin, freedom from addictions, etc.?)

Go through each of the "pieces of armor" and talk about how they work for a believer (example: what is 'helmet like' about salvation? verse 17).

What does "putting on the armor" look like for you (what do you do to keep the armor on)?

Do we or do we not have to be afraid of Satan and his schemes?

How does having others in our lives help us with Satan's schemes?

Pray together and support each other!

*If you'd like to grow in your faith and connect with others, LifeGroups are a great place for you. For more information, drop us your name and we'll get back to you (emma@marinerscc.org)*