



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Ready For Battle by Gareth

- The apostle Paul was encouraging Timothy to be a good soldier but in doing so he would encounter hardship, be engaged in warfare and was not to be entangled in the affairs of this life.
- As many already know we have been called into battle, not a physical battle but a spiritual one; *Eph 6 v 12* - this is a battle that we need to be ready for.
- To be ready for the battle you need to know the commander. To be ready we need to obey the commander. Our commander is the Lord Jesus Christ. Even if the command sometimes doesn't make sense to you. Think of the disciples when out fishing all night; *Luke 5 vs 4 - 6* - "*Nevertheless at thy Word*".
- To be ready for battle we need to know our weapons, we need to be using them. So what weapons do we have in this spiritual battle?
- The Word of God. Jesus used the Word of God when in battle with Satan. *Matt 4 vs 1-11*.
- The Word of God is sharper than any double edged sword; *Heb 4 v 12*.
- The weapon of prayer. Knowing about prayer and its power is not the same as praying and experiencing that power that only true prayer brings.
- Knowing the enemies tactics. Paul had experienced many of the enemies plots to kill him; *Acts 9 vs 23-24; Acts 23 vs 12-13*.
- Let's not be lured into a sense of false security by the enemy of our souls, as Eve was in the garden of Eden; *Gen 3 v 1*.
- As believers we will encounter hardship, many of our brothers and sisters in Christ in places like Nigeria are enduring much hardship at this time. No soldier in the spiritual battle can down weapons, take off their uniform and put on the off duty clothing. The battle is continual, but praise God the victory has been won. All because of the cross of Christ.

WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Events Notices

- ▶ **Women's conference, "Reality Bites"** Saturday 1st October 9.30am to 3.00pm at Grosvenor Road Baptist Church Rathmines. Cost €5.00.
- ▶ Next late night prayer meeting will be on Saturday 8th October @ 8.00pm

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 2-5 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2).