

## » PRAYER & PRAISE

This coming Prayer & Praise, we will keep watch over the migrant workers, domestic helpers, and international students and professionals. Dr Goh Wei-Leong, the chairman of HealthServe and founder and director of Linking Hands will share his heart for the migrant workers and how God is at work among the internationals in Singapore. **Date:** 18 Nov (this Fri) **Time:** 8pm **Venue:** WDL Centre

## » NURTURER REFRESHER TRAINING

For those who signed up during Step Up Sunday to be a Nurturer and those who want a refresher on nurturing new believers to prepare for this coming Christmas and 2017 harvest, come join us! **Date:** 21 Nov (Mon) **Time:** 7pm–10pm **Venue:** ACKCentre

## » CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

**Executive (Finance)**  
This role is required to perform financial accounting responsibilities such as weekly cash receipt recording for Sunday tithing and other income types, monthly bank reconciliation and monitoring cashflow balance. He/She will also coordinate the cash collection process during events. Prior relevant experience is preferred. Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, please visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 20 Nov.

## » TNG CROSSING

We will celebrate the spiritual milestones of our next generation at TNG Crossing, a combined graduation ceremony, as they progress to the next level of their discipleship journey. If your child is one of the following:

- Six years old and moving from K2 to Primary 1 in Sunbeam
- Primary 4 and moving to WEB
- 14 years old and moving to Momentum
- 18 years old and moving to adulthood

Register at [tiny.cc/Momentum-2017](http://tiny.cc/Momentum-2017) and join us on this special occasion!  
**Date:** 19 Nov (this Sat) **Venue:** WDL Centre **There will be NO Sunbeam classes at BPJ and WDL Centres next Sun, 20 Nov.**

## » NEW LIFE DAY ON 20 NOV

Celebrate New Life Day with us next Sun, 20 Nov at all the services at BPJ, WDL and East Centres. Hear stories of how we have touched lives and mentored the next generation as Covenant EFC's face and hands to the community. You can be part of this too! **Find out more at our workshop on 29 Nov, 7.30pm–9.00pm at BPJ Chapel.** For more information, write to [email@newlife.org.sg](mailto:email@newlife.org.sg) or call 6892 7191.

## » BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**Baptism Class** on Sun, 11 Dec, 1.00pm–3.30pm at WDL Centre.  
**Membership Class** this Sat, 19 Nov, 9am–4pm at ACKCentre.  
*Register at the Information Counter today!*

*For other announcements,  
please download the  
“Covenant EFC” mobile app.*

EAST CENTRE 13 NOV 2016  
SERVICE LEADER PS BARNEY LAU // WORSHIP LEADER SIMON & LILLIAN SEOW



## Winning the War

BY: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI, DIRECTOR, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

**W**e are at war! Perhaps not literally, but certainly spiritually. Since the start of the year, the Lord has highlighted to us to keep watch. And as we come to the close of our pulpit series, He's reminding yet again of this reality.

What can we do? Allow me to suggest four things we must do to win this spiritual battle.

### Be Watchful

We certainly do not blame the devil for everything. But he can surely stir up more trouble than we would like. When things go amiss, pause and bring it before the Lord. This would allow us to respond rather than react and play into the devil's schemes (Eph 6:11b).

### Be Careful

God reminds us that our “struggle is not against flesh and blood” (Eph 6:12). While the presenting issue may come in the form of a person, we are reminded that the real enemy is unseen. Satan wants to divide us through misunderstandings, gossip, hatred etc. Be careful not to fight the wrong battle!

### Be Armour-full

- Keep a daily time in God's Word to fill our thoughts with truth (Eph 6:14a).
- Remind ourselves that in Christ, we are more than good enough. We are righteous in God's sight — loved and accepted because of what our Lord has done for us on the Cross (Eph 6:14b).

- Be united in God's Gospel of peace. One key theme in the book of Ephesians is how God has made peace within warring human factions through the Gospel (Eph 2:14–15, 17, 4:3). We have genuine peace with one another in Christ and therefore we bring the good news of peace to others (Eph 6:15).

- Believe. Faith is holding on to God's truth when Satan throws temptations at us, be it lust, anger, fears, materialism etc. We block these deceptive thoughts by meditating and believing in God's truths (Eph 6:16).

- Be confident of victory. The helmet of salvation represents this. Our salvation is already won for us through the Cross. It is certain, sure, signed and sealed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We thus fight *from* victory and *not for* victory. We grow stronger as we experience this victory personally. You *can* win! (Eph 6:17a)

- Respond with God's Word. Just as our Lord defeated Satan in the wilderness with God's Word (Matt 4:1–11), likewise we respond with God's Word when Satan attacks (Eph 6:17b).

### Be Prayerful

Prayer is the most wonderful demonstration of dependence on our Father. Pray for yourself, your family, your friends and your church leaders. We need prayers. Because when we pray, God works! (Eph 6:18 – 20)



**VISION**  
AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

**VALUES**  
GRACE  
GROWTH  
GODLINESS

# SERMON OUTLINE



## Ready with the Gospel

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:15** Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

### Introduction

A. \_\_\_\_\_ on the Gospel of Peace

B. \_\_\_\_\_ with the Gospel of Peace

### Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

20 Nov **PS ANDY LEW** (BPJ) **PS EDMUND WONG** (WDL) **PS BARNEY LAU** (EAST)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## God's Resources for Spiritual Warfare

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:14** // Sermon: **REV TONY YEO**

### Introduction

The Christian life is not merely a walk but a warfare. A battleground and not a playground. Satan is the real enemy and not anybody else.

A command given to all Christians:

1. Be strong in the Lord (Eph 6:10). It is in passive voice which means it is God's power that will protect us.
2. Put on the whole armour of God (Eph 6:11). Good news: Everyone is given the full armour. Bad news: Not all Christians put it on. Half an armour is dangerous.

God's Resources for Spiritual Warfare: Put on the FULL armour (six pieces)

### A. Anchored in the Truth

“stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth...”

1. Historically, the belt prepares a soldier for battle action by holding his garments together.
2. Spiritual warfare is internal, not external. Satan attacks the mind as the Father of lies (Jn 8:44).
3. Truth can be:
  - a. Distorted. Illust: 10 Strange Teachings. Principle: Remove and Replace. We don't try to be disciples. We train to be disciples! Join Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT).
  - b. Displaced. Illust: Grades does not define one's worth. It's character.
  - c. Disbelieved. Doubting God's promises: I am too sinful to be God's child. God can't be a God of love with this tragedy. God can't be good with the evil around. I am a failure, loser, hopeless.
  - d. Desired. Psalm 119:103 “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”
4. “Gird” yourself – a Christian responsibility (Jn 14:6 – follow Jesus, the truth incarnate).

### B. Protected by His Righteousness

“put on the breastplate of righteousness”

1. Historian calls it the heart – protector, protecting body from neck to thighs, front and back.
2. God's Imputed Righteousness:

Romans 3:21-22 “But now the righteousness of God has been manifested ... the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction” (See 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Cor 1:30)

  - a. Protects us from living shamefully in condemnation.

Satan wants us to dwell on our faults, flaws, failures, “you are not good enough” and to turn our eyes off Jesus. Our sins are forgiven, erased and we do not stand on our own merits but Christ's merits through His imputed righteousness (Rom 8:1)
  - b. Protects us from living carelessly in sin.

The imputed righteousness of Jesus results in practical righteousness — living rightly and wisely. Ephesians 4:24 “and to put on the new self ... in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 5:9 “and for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true.” You can't be a disciple of Jesus and yet walk rebelliously and blatantly in sin “For just as to cultivate 'truth' is the way to overthrow the devil's deceits, so to cultivate 'righteousness' is the way to resist his temptations.” – John Stott

### Conclusion

Jesus is your Righteousness! You are more than good enough in Christ.