

**BERACHAH CHURCH
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“TIP OF THE SPEAR”**

As I thought about what to teach it was almost over whelming. You've had the Colonel, now you have Bobby.

What could I tell you or teach you that you haven't heard. So today I want to encourage you and maybe say something in a different way or cause you to recall things you already know, and I hope to encourage you to keep up your spiritual advance and never, ever quit!

We have had some great military men attend this church through the years. Many of them mature believers who made up the pivot within the pivot and they were also great Christian soldiers.

This church has been the “Tip of the Spear” for well over 60 years.

It's mainly used as a military term. The term “tip of the spear” is used to describe the most advanced, or cutting-edge unit or individual that

is leading the way in a mission. The most well trained and trusted men in the military.

These brave and highly skilled warriors lead and carry out high-stakes missions. This includes being on standby to support the National Command Authority to rescue American citizens.

With an unparalleled legacy of service that goes back to the Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT) of WWII, Seal Development Group or Seal Team 6 has always been the true tip of the spear for the United States.

SEAL Team 6 has executed some of the highest risk, no-fail operations in history.

I have a very dear friend really a brother who is in this unit and has been for over 14 years. He is also one of the most doctrinally oriented individuals I know and that includes his family. The number of missions and rescues he has been on we will never know.

We visit a lot, and he has even visited this church (sat right over there) and is friends with Bobby and listens to him as well.

He actually started listening to the Colonel when he was a teenager.

The unit he is associated with is Seal Team 6. They are the tip of the spear for our nation. These are great sailors in defense of our nation.

This church and the mature believers in and from this church are the “Tip of Spear” in the angelic conflict and are the great Christian soldiers in America today. You are holding the line in the angelic conflict as Seal Team 6 does for our nation.

Over the last several years Seal Team 6 has been called the finest warriors this nation has ever produced. They are unafraid and fearless in the face of the enemy, and they train constantly.

Most of their missions will never be told but there are few of which we are aware of, and I can't say which of these this individual carried out, but I can read a couple of excerpts to you.

Seal Team 6 conducted a raid on a house in Afghanistan. The SEALs were shorthanded, so

they only had four members available for the raid. One SEAL would provide overwatch while the other three SEALs would assault the house.

After entering the house, the point man got into a fistfight with an insurgent. The second SEAL entering saw with his night vision two enemy combatants waking up and start reaching for their AK-47 rifles. The second SEAL opened fire killing both insurgents.

The first SEAL who was in a fistfight with the surviving insurgent finally overpowered him by restraining him in a headlock. The SEALs put a hood on the captured insurgent's head and left the building so they could extract.

In a mission codenamed Octave Fusion, operators from Seal Team 6 successfully rescued American Jessica Buchanan, 32, and Dane Thisted, 60, who had been kidnapped by Somali bandits in north-central Somalia.

The pair had been abducted while working as aid workers helping to remove land mines. Seal Team 6 was prepared to capture the hostage takers, but

this proved unfeasible and all nine "heavily armed" kidnappers were killed.

The SEALs parachuted in at night before advancing two miles to the enemy compound on foot. After securing the safety of Buchanan and Thisted, the team, who suffered no injuries, were extracted by helicopter.

Hostage Rescue in Niger. On October 26, 2020, U.S. citizen Philip Walton was abducted from his farm in Massalata in southern Niger by armed kidnappers who demanded a ransom from the man's father. Approximately three days later SEAL Team Six conducted a "precision" operation based on intelligence. They rescued Walton and killed 6 out of the 7 captors.

So you can tell these are great warriors and have proven their bravery on the battlefield. They train constantly and use their weapons of war to keep the enemy at bay. They have great training, fantastic logistics, great weapons, and they have great courage.

These are wonderful examples of the heroes who currently serve in the military and have shown great courage in the face of the enemy.

Continuing to move forward with courage and confidence without looking to their right or left and sometimes going it alone.

But there is an unseen battle going on which is the greatest battlefield ever and as believers in Jesus Christ you are soldiers for Christ, we are in the Lord's army, and I believe those associated with this church are the tip of the spear, the elite soldiers of the Christian life.

We can never forget we are at war every day from the day we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior until the day He calls us home to be with him for all eternity.

Our conflict is the “Angelic Conflict”. We must have the courage to continue our advance in spite of Christian persecution, despite family and friends going down the “my way highway” or government regulations and that includes our changing national zeitgeist.

We are in a war but it's not a war against the government or against the Democrats, liberals, or progressives.

But everyone you talk with wants to talk about “taking our country back”, “how we get so and so elected”, “what happens if we keep going down the path, we’re on, we’re going to lose our country”, and on and on it goes. Fear and panic.

Just think how bad it will be if the election goes poorly for one side or the other? We’ve only begin to see the wringing of hands and FEAR!

Psalm 56:3: “What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.”

Ours is a spiritual war and we must continue the fight even when it seems like we’re losing. Christians are under attack and almost weekly if not daily I read something about attacks against Christians and Christianity.

Just this week I read an article and it said, “Attacks against churches doubled in 2023, report warns: Growing disdain for Christianity.** By**

Kristine Parks of Fox News. That's just one example.

If you watch television including the news, whatever you may watch you can get depressed pretty quickly if you don't have your FLOT Line deployed.

The contest we see in this country today is a struggle between two adversaries, whose goals are to acquire the political power to determine how the nation is to be governed.

Colonel Thieme, writes, “From the moment of birth, every person, regardless of age or gender, regardless of status in life, is in the midst of the great war. A ceaseless war! No man knows exactly when it began, and no man can end it. The resolution will never be attained during human history. The antagonists are irreconcilable, the conflagration, inescapable.

The angelic conflict is not a world war. This is a war beyond the world. Yet for all of its infinite size and scope, the key combatants are unseen, although very real. This horrendous fight pits Satan, as the god of this world, against the God of all creation. At the same time man has a part to play – a huge part. Even though on his own man

cannot bring the War to an end, he was created to resolve the conflict. Yes! God created man to conclusively settle this massive spiritual conflict. More importantly, believers in the Lord Jesus Christ have an indispensable role as His soldiers. Throughout human history Satan and his angels will mightily struggle to achieve victory, but the outcome of their operations is not in the balance. Ultimately God will win even though Satan will appear to have some success along the way.

(Angelic Conflict, Introduction)

As Christians and patriots, we don't like what's happening to our country and our human nature says, "Let's do something". "Let's stop this destruction of our country" or "We need to stop what's going on in our country."

First you should never have fear or anxiety in your life.

Physical courage is the ability and willingness to face uncertainty and not be intimidated. It's also is the ability to stay composed and think under pressure.

Isaiah 41:10: "Do not fear for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen

you and I will also help you and I will also uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

PRINCIPLE: Confidence in God motivates courage. Spiritual courage is confidence in God.

Spiritual courage requires obedience to God’s commands regardless of what appears to be overwhelming odds.

You have to realize you are valuable to God. He sent His son the Lord Jesus Christ to pay for your sins and to purchase you out of the slave market of sin.

So you have nothing to fear in your life, health-wise, politically, economically, militarily, you have nothing to fear.

Matthew 10:28-31: “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Vs. 29: Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

Vs. 30: But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Vs. 31: So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.”

This is the Greek word “φόβος” – “phobos” with the negative “μή” – “me” and it’s in the imperative mood. “Do not fear”.

We have imperative moods in these verses, so they are commands from our Commander In Chief.

Spiritual courage requires the daily decision to fulfill these mandates, but we have been given the unique invisible assets to fulfill these orders. It is simply the filling of the Holy Spirit...the invisible power in every believer.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8: “Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord—

Vs. 7: for we walk by faith, not by sight—

Vs. 8: but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”

We have courage because of our confidence in eternal security and sure-footed confidence in God’s plan as well as the Holy Scriptures which are our daily rations for energy in the conflict...metabolized doctrine.

Colonel Thieme writes: “The protocol plan of God is designed to remove all the cobwebs of fear in your soul and replace them with confidence in doctrine, which leads to confidence in the Lord. That is the only true basis for spiritual self-esteem, which is confidence in yourself through Bible Doctrine. This inevitable results in the greatest courage in life. It’s more than moral courage; it is a mental attitude of courage in all relationships and in all circumstances of life.”

(RBT)

“Courage is thinking doctrine and functioning under pressure as if there were no abnormal circumstances, no crisis, or no pressure. Courage is claiming promises in adversity; using the ten problem-solving devices; and functioning under

the privacy of your royal priesthood to think, to apply, and to metabolize doctrine with your own intellect. However, fear makes you a loser.” (RBT)

Never forget fear is a sin and fear will ruin your life. You’re not here to live under fear.

Psalm 56:3: “What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.”

Remember the promise in Hebrews 13:5: “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

Finally, John 10:28: “I give unto them eternal life, and no one can pluck them out of My hand.”

We must have courage and confidence that God will handle the details of your life for you. That’s the Faith Rest Drill. One of our weapons along with the rest of the Problem-Solving Devices.

So we know we cannot have fear on our battlefield – the Angelic Conflict.

We won’t cover all the Problem-Solving Devices developed and taught in this church for so many years. But we’ll briefly look at Problem Solving Device #3 the “Faith Rest Drill”.

The faith-rest drill gives you confidence. It's imperative you learn this technique.

There are over 7,000 promises in the Bible for our use. The first step in the Faith Rest Drill is to claim a promise. I've given you a couple of promises earlier.

Why is it important to learn the Faith Rest Drill? It's critical for you to live the Christian life. This is where your confidence and courage come from. The Faith Rest Drill will give you confidence and courage in your Christian Life.

The Faith Rest Drill will give you the confidence to trust God and the filling of the Holy Spirit gives you courage to do the deed.

Isaiah 54:17a: "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord."

Claim the promises of God, mix them with faith, and enter into God's rest. Bible promises

encapsulate divine thinking and give the believer confidence in God. In adversity or prosperity, the believer can claim promises to stabilize his mind, recall the Bible doctrine behind the promises, and reach doctrinal conclusions that form the basis for a vigorous spiritual life. The Christian at ease has learned to tap divine resources and find inner strength and happiness. (Christian At Ease)

So where does our courage come from? Bible Doctrine in the right lobe of the soul! Using the 10 Problem Solving Devices.

So, as we watch things go crazy in this country we need to dress for battle. We need to put on the uniform God provides for us.

Ephesians 6:12-18: “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Vs. 13: Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Vs. 14: Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Vs. 15: and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Vs. 16: in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Vs. 17: And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Vs.18: With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be alert with all perseverance and every request for all the saints,”

Put on: You do this mentally through the use of God's problem-solving devices and the application of Bible Doctrine in your soul. You can't put it on if you haven't learned it. You live the Christian life in your soul. This is where you will win the battles of life, in your mind.

So that you will be able to resist: You resist the attacks of Satan's cosmic system and the

temptations of the world using divine wisdom. you use spiritual insight, discernment and understanding.

Having done everything: You are consistent in learning the Word of God. You are thinking with the mind of Christ. You are doing your part to be prepared.

Stand firm: You stand firm, you hold your ground, you don't become a Christian casualty.

Having belted your waist with truth: You have the Word of God in your soul. This is truth. Using an analogy, everything the Roman soldier wore was connected to the belt. Likewise, everything in life is connected to the Word of God in your soul, the truth.

Having put on the breastplate of righteousness: You have God's imputed righteousness (+R) given to you at salvation. You are developing capacity righteousness from growing to spiritual maturity.

Having shod your feet with the gospel of peace: You understand the gospel and your responsibility to witness and re-present Jesus Christ to the world. You have a personal sense of

destiny. Your peace with God comes through Jesus Christ.

Taking up the shield of faith: You use the faith-rest drill, and it allows you to keep standing in spite of the attacks the enemy will throw at you. You stand on the promises of God. You link shields with other Christians.

Take the helmet of salvation: Your eternal security protects your head, your thoughts, because Satan will seek to cause you to doubt your salvation.

Take the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God: You use doctrinal orientation and a divine viewpoint to stand firm and repel the attacks of Satan's cosmic system and the lures of the world.

With all prayer and petition: You are patient and persistent in prayer knowing God answers in His timing, not yours.

So before we can go into battle, we need to dress appropriately so we need to be in the correct uniform!

We also need to train. Training is the academic environment of Bible Class.

You have the uniform; you have your weapons but if you don't train God cannot use you. You must train in Bible class if you are to be used in combat.

Bible class is the training grounds and discipline of learning God's word and His plan for your life so you can be a good soldier for Him.

2 Peter 3:18: “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity.”

God has decreed every circumstance, or battlefield, the believer will face in time, and He expects that person to apply doctrine to the challenges presented.

The unseen battle is far more devastating and carries much more impact historically than the visible clash of arms on history's various battlefields.