

2026-06-14 Points

Title: Standing on the Wall: The Call to Armored Discipleship

Sermon Summary: This sermon challenges believers to move beyond passive faith into active discipleship by standing on the wall as watchmen for God's kingdom. Using the metaphor of petting lions to represent our tendency to flirt with temptation and compromise, the pastor calls Christians to put on the full armor of God and take their stand. The message emphasizes that discipleship comes at a cost—requiring daily surrender, sacrifice, and the willingness to defend what we believe. The sermon weaves together themes of spiritual warfare, legacy-building, vigilance against distraction, and humble surrender to Christ's lordship. It culminates in a practical call to action, reminding believers that if Christ is Lord of anything, He must be Lord of everything, including our civic responsibilities and daily choices.

Key Points:

- The call to stand requires putting on the complete armor of God, not selectively choosing pieces based on convenience
- Discipleship is costly and requires daily dying to self, following Christ's example of sacrifice
- Watchmen must remain vigilant through prayer, intercession, and active engagement rather than passive waiting
- Our identity in Christ forms the foundation for standing firm against spiritual attacks
- Legacy is built collectively, not individually—we are called to hold up one another's arms like Aaron and Hur supported Moses
- Distractions and worldly glitter pull us away from our mission; we must keep our focus fixed on Christ
- Humble surrender transforms our brokenness into God's masterpiece and makes us worthy vessels
- The mission is clear: faith alone, grace alone, Christ alone—standing by grace through faith
- We cannot continue "petting lions" of temptation while expecting to remain unharmed

- Armor is essential, not optional—we are both builders and defenders of God's kingdom
- Faith must be lived out practically, including in voting and civic engagement according to biblical principles

Scripture Reference:

- Ephesians 6:10-18 (The Armor of God) - primary focus, referenced multiple times
- Luke 9:23-26 (The cost of discipleship)
- John 15:12-17 (Disciples' relation to each other)
- Isaiah 62:6 (Watchmen on the walls)
- Micah 7:7 (Watching expectantly for the Lord)
- Mark 13:33-37 (Call to watch and be alert)
- Romans 10:5-13 (Confession and salvation)
- Exodus 17:8-12 (Aaron and Hur holding up Moses' arms)
- 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 (Armor of faith, love, and hope)
- Colossians 3:1-11 (Put on the new self)
- Romans 5:1-11 (Justified through faith, suffering produces perseverance)
- 1 Corinthians 15:58 (Be steadfast and immovable)
- 1 Peter 5:8-11 (The devil prowls like a roaring lion)
- Nehemiah 4:15-23 (Building the wall while armed)
- Psalm 78:1-4 (Telling the next generation)

Stories:

- Reference to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Rack, Shack, and Ben) who refused to bow to the king's idol, illustrating standing firm in faith despite consequences
- The account of Moses, Aaron, and Hur from Exodus 17, where Aaron and Hur held up Moses' tired arms during battle, demonstrating the need for mutual support in spiritual warfare
- Nehemiah's wall-building project where workers built with one hand while holding weapons in the other, illustrating the dual role of believers as both builders and defenders
- Personal testimony woven throughout about the pastor discovering 40 poems God had given him on this topic, revealing God's long-term preparation for this message