

# Fighting for Bold Incorruptible Love

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## Personal Connection (25 minutes)

### Icebreaker

Did you play video games when you were younger, or do you still enjoy playing them? How did it make you feel when you defeated a bad guy with menacing, extraordinary strength?

### Sharing Christ and Praying for Each Other

How has your walk with Christ been this week? How were you a witness for Christ this week?

Has the Lord revealed any important insights about things you are struggling with? How can your LIFE Group share your praises for the answers he has given?

### Review Last Sunday's *What Now?*

Pray for the Lord's strength and endurance in all matters that test your faith. Pray with thankfulness for all of those who have been instrumental in your growth, ability to love and have compassion, and growth in wisdom and spiritual maturity. Please pray for the children and youth at Northwest, within our community, and those you encounter on a daily basis. God desires to use us as part of his plan, to help mold the next generation into Christlikeness. How does that look in your life? Pray that the Lord would reveal how he desires to use you.

## Digging Deeper (30 minutes)

### This Week's Key Concept:

**Our Lord and Savior is the ONLY supreme protector against the dark forces in this world.**

### Read Ephesians 6:10-24

Q1. Share about a time in your life when you knew the enemy was purposefully attacking you. How did the Lord triumph over the enemy and protect you?

Q2. The Apostle Paul was in prison and in chains when he wrote powerful letters of instruction to the Ephesians. He never asked the Lord to remove his chains, but to be allowed to continue speaking fearlessly about Christ, despite them. How might this apply to your current circumstances? *Note: God can accomplish his will through you, despite the chains, all while tenderly loving you in your circumstances.*

Q3. What is the importance of the word imagery (for example, *belt, shoes, shield*, etc.) the Apostle Paul uses to describe God's protection against the schemes of the devil?

Q4. What does it mean in verse 18 when the Ephesians are instructed to pray at all times?

## Impact Questions

Q1. Consider the title of the sermon: *Fighting for Bold Incorruptible Love*. What comes to your mind when you think of how Jesus loves you? Or, how you love your brothers and sisters in Christ? Or, how you love your unsaved neighbor?

Q2. How can we be more like the Apostle Paul when it comes to prayer, perseverance, and proclamation? (See verses 18-20.) Or, how does his example inspire you to share the gospel?

Q3. Why is God's plan considered mysterious? (See verse 19.) Does that encourage you to share with unbelievers?

Q4. When it comes to sharing the Gospel, how often do you ask God for help? Why is it so important to be intentional and continually ask God for help, in sharing the gospel?

Q5. Now that we have finished the sermon cycle of *God's Amazing Grace*, and read and studied the entire book of Ephesians, what are some of the most meaningful things you have learned?

## What now? (15 minutes)

Take to heart the imagery the Apostle Paul uses when describing spiritual warfare in our daily lives. When you get ready every day and put on your shoes before you leave your home, let it be a reminder of the protection the Lord has ALREADY given you! His protection resides in you as the Holy Spirit, and that should embolden you to share the gospel. The enemy is strong, but our Savior is stronger, more powerful. He *is* God of the Universe! The battle is ALREADY won! Pray that the Lord would deepen your understanding and trust of his protection and encourage you to continue living a life that brings him all the glory!

## Closing Prayer (15 minutes)

Please pray for the lost souls who lack the hope and protection the Lord offers. Pray for boldness that we would continue to share the Word with those who do not know him as their Lord and Savior. Please continue to pray for the children we are in relationship with and mentor; it is by our example of Christlikeness that we can help mold the next generation into a generation that seeks Christ in all they do! Please lift up the ministries at Northwest and continue to seek the Lord's will in how you can become involved.

## Sermon Notes: