

MADE FOR MORE

WEEK #6: MORE STRENGTH

Our enemy SATAN will do whatever it takes to keep us from MORE living.

- In what ways does the enemy rob us from MORE living?
- In what ways does the enemy rob our church from doing and going MORE?

IDENTITY: WHO AM I CREATED TO BE?

Paul's final word picture for our identity is that of a warrior.

- Read Ephesians 6:10-20.
- If you were a new Christian and reading this for the first time, what conclusions and assumptions would you make about the Christian life and about the church?
- What fears or uncertainties have you faced throughout this MADE FOR MORE series that Satan might use to hold you captive – specifically as it relates to our identity?
- How does our identity as a warrior and the armor of God help us to WIN MORE as an EVERY DAY MISSIONARY? Where do you need more strength for the battle(s)?
- We are the body of Christ, linked arm in arm with the full body armor of God. If we could talk to Paul, what do you think he would tell our body of believers about who we are in Christ and how we need each other?

PURPOSE: WHAT AM I CREATED TO DO?

Paul wants us to be strong in the Lord through our surrender to the Holy Spirit.

- Read Ephesians 6:10-20 (see also Ephesians 5:17-21).
- Pastor Mark indicated that this passage may have more to do with us collectively as the body of Christ vs. individuals in Christ. How does this shift help us?
- List as many observations and questions as you can about the armor of God. How does surrender to God, being strong in the Lord and the armor of God all connect?
- Based upon our study of Made for More and especially chapters 4-6, what exactly is the calling of the elders? What are the expectations and calling of the body of Christ?
- Is Paul promoting a strategy for success or a life of surrender to the Spirit as a church? Regardless, how does 6:10-20 empower a MADE FOR MORE lifestyle?

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PLACE: WHERE AM I CREATED TO GO?

We were created to fight and win the spiritual battle, but it requires a life of surrender.

- Read Ephesians 6:10-20.
- What does it mean to be strong in the Lord? How does HIS STRENGTH enable you to win more battles and to go more places? When do you feel his strength the most?
- What does it look like to take up the armor of God daily? What are the hurdles that keep us from putting on the full armor of God? How can we encourage each other?
- Pastor Mark suggested some common battlefields: the mind, busyness, distractions, division, addiction and brokenness. Which of these do we struggle with the most?
- To be strong in the Lord, we need to be healthy and free. How would you describe spiritual health and spiritual freedom? Spiritual bondage is real for most of us. What are some practical next steps for believers who are stuck in bondage?
- What does it look like to pray in the Spirit? Compare and contrast with 5:18-21.

MADE FOR MORE DISCOVERY NIGHT, 2/10 or 2/17 @ 5:30 p.m.

Spiritual Creation Inventories

1. Spiritual Gift Inventory by Group (see <https://harrisonvillecommunity.church/serve>)
2. APEST Survey based upon Ephesians 4 (see <http://www.fivefoldsurvey.com/>)
3. SHAPE Survey based upon S.H.A.P.E. (see <https://www.freeshapetest.com/>)

Natural Creation Inventories

1. Free DISC assessment (see <https://www.123test.com/disc-personality-test/>)
2. Free Meyers Briggs (see <https://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test>)
3. Free Enneagram (see <https://enneagramtest.net/>)
4. Free StrengthsFinder (see <https://high5test.com/>)

Recommended Books

1. S.H.A.P.E. Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose For Life – Erik Rees, 2006
2. MORE Finding Your Personal Calling – Todd Wilson, 2016
3. Strengths Finder 2.0 – Tom Rath, 2007
4. The Permanent Revolution – Alan Hirsch and Tom Catchim, 2012

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10