

Rolling Hills Community Church

“Living the Life You Were Created to Live: A study of the Book of Ephesians”

Living a Life that is Steadfast

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Ephesians 6

Living the Life You Were Created to Live:

Ephesians 1 – A life of **Significance** because you matter to God

Ephesians 2 – A life that is **Alive** because God made you alive in Christ

Ephesians 3 – A life that is **God-Sized** because of the dreams, visions and passions God has placed within you

Ephesians 4 – A life that **Shines** as Christ radiates through you

Ephesians 5 – A life that **Showcases** God in all your relationships

Ephesians 6 – A life that is **Steadfast** as you stand for Christ

Living a Life that is Steadfast –

Ephesians 6:10-20

Vs. 10-11

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

Realize it is not about our own power, but about God’s power. We can only stand and be strong when we are “in the Lord.”

Vs. 12

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Recognize the real enemy. It is not the people in our families, our neighborhoods and our workplaces, but it satan – the one who wants to destroy us.

Vs. 13

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

Our calling is to put on the “full” armor and to stand – be faithful and endure!

The Full Armor (Vs. 14-18)

- *“the belt of truth buckled around your waist...”*,
- *“the breastplate of righteousness in place...”*,
- *“your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.”*
- *“take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”*
- *“Take the helmet of salvation...”*
- *“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*
- *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.”*

Sharing of the Lord’s Supper Together as His Church

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Ephesians 3:10-11