



# Sermon Questions: *Grace-Filled Warfare Part 4*

Date: *August 29, 2021* | Scripture: *Ephesians 6:14-24*

1. In the sermon, putting on the helmet of salvation was compared to having minds full of hope (1 Thessalonians 5:8). If we need hope as much as a soldier needs a helmet, what does that tell us about its importance? And how do we go about putting it on?
2. Ephesians 6:17 tells us that the sword of the Spirit is the word of God. How might this metaphor affect the way we read scripture, and what we plan to do with it?
3. In Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13, Jesus chooses to use the sword of the spirit in fighting temptation. What other weapons are we more drawn to in battle? Why? Dig deep.
4. Question 102 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism (see box) explains what we pray for in the second petition of the Lord's Prayer. How could this understanding of prayer—as a weapon in battle as well as its many other purposes—impact the way we pray?
5. Reflect, then share some scripture that you have kept locked away in your heart that has sustained you at just the right time.

**Q. 102. What do we pray for in the second petition?**

A. In the second petition, which is, *Thy kingdom come*, we pray, that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed [a]; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced [b], ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it [c]; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened [d].

- [a]. [Matt. 12:25-28](#); [Rom. 16:20](#); [1 John 3:8](#)  
 [b]. [Ps. 72:8-11](#); [Matt. 24:14](#); [1 Cor. 15:24-25](#)  
 [c]. [Ps. 119:5](#); [Luke 22:32](#); [2 Thess. 3:1-5](#)  
 [d]. [Rev. 22:20](#)

**WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 29:16-29
- Isaiah 59:14-21
- Matthew 4:1-11
- Romans 13:11-14
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-13
- James 1:19-27

*Listen* to the Ephesians worship playlist on Spotify.

*Reach out* if you need assistance during this time:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

You can also find additional resources on our website: [capitalpres.org](http://capitalpres.org)

*Inward Grace in Action*

*The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.*

1. We have access to god's power in prayer when we hit our limit—but prayer can be hard. How do you feel when you are encouraged to pray?
2. In this series we have talked a lot about grace, both for us and for others. How is grace working out in your life? Where do you need grace that seems unlikely?