



# AWCI SERMON *Notes & Announcements*

**DATE:** April 12, 2026

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Dr. Samuel King, Missionary

**SERMON TITLE:** Be strong in the Lord:

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## Scripture

**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

2 Timothy 2:1

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Emphasizes the importance of spiritual strength and reliance on God's power. It encourages believers to be strong in their faith and to draw power from the Lord, highlighting the significance of divine strength in facing challenges and adversities on our Christian journey

## INTRODUCTION

In Ephesians 6:10-18. Paul uses the imagery of a Roman soldier's armor to illustrate the spiritual resources believers need to resist evil and stand firm in faith. He presents this armor as divine equipment, not of human origin, that protects Christians during spiritual warfare, emphasizing that this strength comes from the Lord rather than personal ability.

Apostle Paul wrote the Book of Ephesians to the church in Ephesus, a major center of early Christianity in Asia Minor, while imprisoned in Rome around A.D. 60-62

## SERMON POINTS

Paul wrote about the Armor of God to equip believers for spiritual battle against evil forces, urging them to stand firm by relying on God's strength rather than their own. Writing from prison, Paul used the imagery of a Roman soldier to illustrate how divine attributes--truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation--protect against the devil's deception

Psalms 91:2-3 "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence."

**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood,

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,

14 Stand therefore, **having your loins girt about with truth, (The Belt)**

14a and having on the **breastplate of righteousness; (guard your heart)**

15 And your **feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (The Shoe)**

16 Above all, **taking the shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

*(Standing on the Word)*

17 And **take the helmet of salvation, (guard your mind)**

17a and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God: *(Speak the Word)*

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Having done all, to stand, stand therefore, on the promises of God by faith.

1- **God's Guidance – Proverbs 3:5-6**

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart*

2- **Strength in Weakness – 2 Corinthians 12:9**

*'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

3- **God Opens Doors that No One Can Shut – Revelation 3:8**

*"I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut."*

4- **Protection from Harm – Psalm 91:10-11**

## LIVING BEYOND THE MESSAGE

Ask God to Forgive us as we forgive other.

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you”.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note:** There are multiple ways to sign up for an event. You can scan the QR code, visit our website, or sign the signup sheet in the foyer under the event registration section.

### Read the Bible in a Year.

Scan QR code or visit the following site:  
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/64913-we-believe-a-journey-of-faith-in-action>



**April 8- May 13 at 6:30 pm-** Unleash- A Tony Evans Bible Study Series

### April 17-18- SCCOG Women's Conference

Regular Registration \$65.00  
Walk In \$75.00 (After 3/16/26)  
Scan QR code to sign up today or visit  
<https://www.sccog.com/women2/>



**May 2<sup>nd</sup> (9am-3pm) - May 3<sup>rd</sup> (9am & 11am) - Women's Conference-** All In- Early Registration \$30.00 (until March 30), Late Registration \$35.00. Vendors Registration: \$50.00 - For more information contact AWC Women's Ministry.



**May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM - Agape's 4th Annual Golf Classic Scholarship Fundraiser!** This is your chance to play for a purpose, whether you're hitting the links solo or in a foursome. Even if you're not playing, you can still contribute by becoming an esteemed sponsor.



### SAVE THE DATES:

More information coming soon!

### Mother's Day Celebration-May 12, 2026

A special day to honor and celebrate all mothers and mother figures.

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)- June 9-11, 2026

Fun, faith, and fellowship for our children—learning about Jesus in an exciting way!

### Father's Day Celebration- June 21, 2026

Celebrating the strength, leadership, and legacy of fathers.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

### Sunday School

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.

### Men's Ministry Meeting

- Every 3rd Saturday at 8:30 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.
- More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

### Breakfast For Champions: Weekday Devotion & Prayer

- Monday-Friday at 7 am
- Call In: 717-908-1690
  - Access Code: 577625

### Intercessory Prayer

- Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

### Virtual Midday Bible Study

- Every Thursday at noon
  - Call In: (650)419-1505 (US East)
  - Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
  - Virtual: [meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202](https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202)

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