

BE A BRINGER

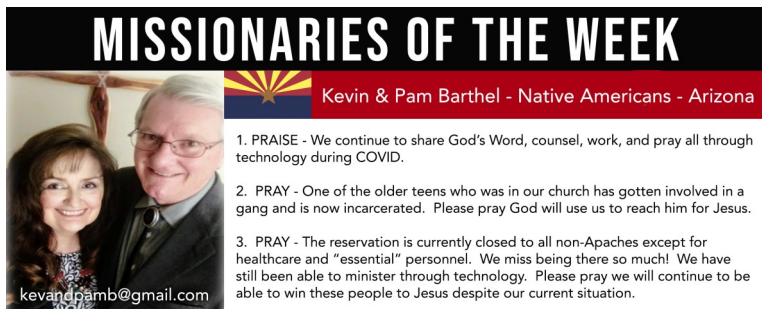
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK
Kevin & Pam Barthel - Native Americans - Arizona

1. PRAISE - We continue to share God’s Word, counsel, work, and pray all through technology during COVID.
2. PRAY - One of the older teens who was in our church has gotten involved in a gang and is now incarcerated. Please pray God will use us to reach him for Jesus.
3. PRAY - The reservation is currently closed to all non-Apaches except for healthcare and “essential” personnel. We miss being there so much! We have still been able to minister through technology. Please pray we will continue to be able to win these people to Jesus despite our current situation.

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GROWTH GUIDE



Handout: 11/08/20

Study: 11/15/20

Stronger Together In Victory

When we’re going somewhere we assess the occasion to determine what clothes are appropriate for the particular place we’re going, or the event that we are a part of. We probably wouldn’t wear shorts to a wedding, or suits to a barbecue because the attire does not typically fit the occasion.

So it is with spiritual warfare. In order to arrive ready for battle on the field, we would not come in casual clothes. We would come suited up with spiritual armor. That is because this is not a war of flesh and blood. People are not our ultimate problem. People—flesh and blood—are merely conduits for something else that’s operating in the invisible realm that causes us to have challenges in the visible realm.

So if you want to address something that’s visible and physical, you must address its spiritual and invisible antecedent; you must investigate that which has preceded it. Our basic problem is that we wrestle against principalities, and powers and world forces. Ephesians 6:12 reads “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.” He says until you learn to address the spiritual, you will forever be tinkering with the physical.

Then Paul says in verse 13, “Take up the full armor of God.” Don’t get partly dressed. Don’t just put on a few pieces. Take up the complete wardrobe so that you will be able to “resist in the evil day.” That’s the day when you are attacked. That’s when all hell breaks through in your life. The difference between a Christian who feels like God has left them high and dry and a Christian who seems to look adversity in the face with confidence is the latter has donned the full armor of God.

He even lists each piece of this spiritual armor. “Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:14-17).

While it takes a while to acquaint yourself with this armor, be assured; the struggles you face today and the attacks you experience from Satan need not cripple you. God has provided you with a way to weather the worst that Satan can dish out and to counterattack with a crushing blow. Put on His armor today, and start seizing your victory!

Source: “Seize Victory With The Armor Of God” by Tony Evans

KEY VERSE

Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV)

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 6:10-24

Introduction

1. Describe a spiritual battle you faced. How prepared were you to face it?
2. What are some areas of your life where you are experiencing victory?

Tuesday: Ephesians 6:10-12; I Peter 5:8-9

Know Your Enemy

3. Based upon today's readings, how would you describe the battle we face as Christians?
4. Why do we sometimes fight against the wrong enemy?

Wednesday: Ephesians 6:13-17; II Corinthians 10:3-4

Put On Your Armor

5. Today's readings say to put on the whole armor of God. What happens if you face a spiritual battle without all your armor? How do you put on the whole armor of God?
6. Which piece or pieces of armor listed in today's reading is easiest for you to forget?

Thursday: Ephesians 6:18-20; Mark 14:38; I Thessalonians 2:2

Obtain Your Energy

7. What is the relationship between prayer and victory in spiritual battles?
8. How do you receive strength from God?
9. What does it mean to speak boldly for the Lord in your life?

Friday: Ephesians 6:21-24; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Gather Your Encouragement

10. Who in your life encourages you spiritually?
11. Who in your life do you encourage spiritually?
12. What's an area you would like to grow in? Where do you most need God's power in your life?