

We have been given authority (keys) to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 16:18-19 (NIV) "... And on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

### Example of David Facing Goliath

1 Samuel 17:16 (NIV) "For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand."

The enemy wants to \_\_\_\_\_

Before David ever slung a rock at Goliath, he first \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 17:45- 47(NIV) "David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, **but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.** This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; **for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.**'"

### David then ran toward the giant to attack him with his sling shot because he had already declared the victory.

1 Samuel 17:48-50 (NIV) "As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, **David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.** Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. ... So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone. "

### AWAKE! PRAYER ACTION

1. Pray and Praise for 15 minutes each morning
2. Fast 3 meals during this week (Read your Bible and Pray)



## THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT (WEEK 9)

### MATTHEW 11:11-12 (NKJV)

"Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

As a New Testament believer, I am more privileged than the Old Testament saints because of the \_\_\_\_\_

### EPHESIANS 6:12-17 (NLT)

"For we are not fighting against flesh- and- blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body of armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, **AND TAKE UP THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD.**"

The purpose of the armor of God is for me to \_\_\_\_\_  
when attacked by the enemy and to hold the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus  
has already won for me legally so I can enjoy it \_\_\_\_\_

# TAKING UP THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT:

## 1. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SWORD?

Ephesians 6:17 "... And take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

A soldier had two types of swords in the Roman army. One sword was the long sword that allowed you to fight at a distance. The other sword was actually a small 18- inch dagger.

The Greek word for "sword" that the Apostle Paul uses in verse 17 is the dagger, which was used for intense, up close \_\_\_\_\_ combat.

1 Peter 5:8-9a (NIV) "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..."

2 Timothy 4:18 (NIV) "And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

## 2. WHAT IS THE SPIRIT'S SWORD?

Ephesians 6:17 "... And take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word [Rhema] of God."

Three Greek words in the New Testament for God's word:

1. **Graphe**- \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Logos**- \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:1 (NIV) "In the beginning was the Word [logos], and the Word [logos] was with God, and the Word [logos] was God."

## The Word of God as a sword.- both Logos and Rhema

Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV) "For the word [logos] of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."

- Living & Active- \_\_\_\_\_
- Sharper than any double-edged sword \_\_\_\_\_
- Divides soul and spirit \_\_\_\_\_
- Divides bones and marrow \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 4:22 (NIV) "...For they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body."

- Judges thoughts and attitudes of the heart \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Rhema- \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 4:1-4 (NIV) "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Humanity does not live on bread alone, but on every word [rhema] that comes from the mouth of God.'"

James 4:7 (NIV) "... Resist the devil, and he will **flee** from you."

## 3. THE SPIRIT'S SWORD IS WIELDED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 1:16 (NIV) "In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance."