“Are You Ready to Rumble?”
Ephesians 6:10-13

C.I.T./S.—Prepare yourself in the LORD to face spiritual warfare.

Purpose.—We need to be ready for war by preparing ourselves.

Introduction.—Michael Buffer—ring announcer started using, “Let’s get ready to rumble!” in 1984, later trademarking that phrase and making over $400 million from its trademark.

I. **We need His power.**

   a. Be strengthened
      i. Some translation say, “Be strong”
      ii. “In” “dynamite”—putting dynamite into something, strengthening
      iii. This is a present tense, which means that this should be an ongoing reality.
      iv. Passive, which means that something is working on us
      v. Imperative, which means we are to do something
      vi. We are to engage in making ourselves strong, by allowing something else to work on us.

   b. In the Lord
      i. Relational—those in Jesus
      ii. Also refers to means—by the Lord, His presence in us, or our presence in Him provides the means by which we receive this strength

   c. The power of his strength is what strengthens us.
      i. Ephesians 1:19-21
      ii. Resurrection power extended to us.

   d. We access the power of God as we continually maintain our fellowship with Christ.

   e. Illus.—Popeye the Sailor--Spinach

   f. Application
      i. We are unable to have this power by ourselves.
      ii. We have access to this power, but we must access it continually by being in fellowship with Jesus.
      iii. If we are out of fellowship with Jesus, we are in our own power.
      iv. What is the problem with that?

II. **We need His power to stand against Satan.**

   a. Put on/cloth yourself
      i. Aorist, should be a one-time event, we should never take it off
      ii. Panoply—outfit of the Roman soldier, which included defensive and offensive weaponry—Paul would have been chained to a Roman soldier as he was writing this epistle, it could have been his inspiration for this metaphor
      iii. Of God—spiritual outfit, belonged to the Lord and was from the Lord
      iv. This was another way of saying, “Strengthen yourself”

   b. Purpose was to stand firm—hold a position and not falter or run

   c. Under attack by the schemes of the Devil
      i. Methods—plans and schemes, cunning and deceptive attacks
      ii. Diabolos—accuser/slanderer, translated Devil, used to translate the Hebrew Word Satan, Satan and Devil refer to the same superhuman being
      iii. Once the lead angel, rebelled against God, and with other angels who followed him, was booted from heaven
      iv. He is known as the serpent, prince of the power of the air, roaring lion

   d. Examples of these schemes
      i. Deception—Genesis 3, 2 Cor. 11:14—Angel of Light
      iii. Temptation—Jesus—Matthew 4; David—1 Chr. 21, John 13:2, Acts 5:3
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v. Persecution—Revelation

   e. How does he attack?
      i. Through his minions—list of spiritual powers
      ii. There exists a one world order under the leadership of Satan.
      iii. Revelation 12:9

f. Whether we like it or not, as followers of Christ we are in a fight.
g. Illus.—Bass Pro Shops—outfit for anything
h. Application
   i. If you are going to fight Satan, why aren’t you going to be outfit for that fight?
   ii. You must have the armor of God on you in order to fight this battle.
   iii. If you are not properly fit, you will have a problem.

III. **We need His power to Stay against Satan.**
a. Take up the panoply—repeats himself
b. Resist on that evil day--the day that you encounter the battle.
c. After all is said and done, we are still standing.
e. Application
   i. When we have the armor of God, it doesn’t matter what the Devil throws at us, we will be found standing in the end.
   ii. Romans 8:38:39
   iii. 1 John 4:4

Conclusion
- Are you ready to rumble?
- The key to be outfitted for battle is to be in fellowship with the Lord.
- Are you walking with the Lord?
- Do you know Christ?

Ephesians 1:19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength. 20 He exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens-- 21 far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every title given, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

John 13:2 Now when it was time for supper, the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray him.

Acts 5:3 "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land?

1 Thessalonians 2:18 So we wanted to come to you-- even I, Paul, time and again-- but Satan hindered us.

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was thrown out-- the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.