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A study in Ephesians – Chapter 6:10-20

Where The Rubber Meets the Road.

Title – The Struggle Is Real are You Battle Ready?

We live in a world of conflict.

- The past 2 years have seen the most conflicts of any time, since the end of the second world war.
- 32 countries currently at war.
- 13 major wars.

Wars that have displaced a lot more people than even in the Ukraine-Russia conflict.

- Tens of thousands of people have died.

Happening as we speak.

But there is a far greater conflict that we are going to be looking at in the text.

- Waging since the beginning of human history.

But because this enemy works behind the scenes – through lies – false philosophies – through schemes as the bible puts it.

- He is often not seen until the catastrophic effects are seen later.

As Paul comes down to the end of this passage look at verse 10.

He says the word finally.

Finally – not meant as here is my last point – or just to add it in as not sure where else it would fit.

- It is “I am building up to this point”.

The whole passage is building up to the significance of what Paul is going to say.

- If it was just written in the beginning, they would not have been ready for it – nor us.

But now understanding that in his masterful design, in his grace and mercy – he has rescued them/us – made us right with God – the glorious doctrines that compose our salvation.

In Verses 4 to 6. – he talks about the privileges and rights – responsibilities that we enter into as children of God.

- There is no limit – in Christ we have everything we need to live Godly.

Then he says this...

“However, I want to remind you that there is a depraved that is working against you. And you will be engaged in constant conflict. If you are not prepared and aware, most likely you will be defeated”.

Story told about the USS Cole – on Oct 3rd, 2000 – being sunk by a small fibre glass boat with 2 guys in it packed with explosives. How this ship was built to be able to take on any military force sent against it, it had all the best technology and arms onboard – but that it was not ready for a small two-man craft to come along side and blow a whole 40 feet wide in its side. Killing many sailors and injuring others.

The irony was that this ship designed to protect a whole carrier group – was unable to protect itself against two men in a tiny boat.

Paul is trying to say this...

It is not as Christians that we don't have superior strength. That we don't have the ability to live godly – to do what God calls us to do – it's not that we don't have an overwhelming ability in Christ.

- The problem is that a lot of the time we are not paying attention!
- The problem is that we are not ready and watchful.

Reference made to a book written by Chairman Mow.

He writes this...

Without preparedness superiority is not really superiority.

Having grasp this point a force which is inferior but prepared can often defeat a superior enemy by a surprise attack.

This is why Paul says that we need to be battle ready.

Christians here at Truelife Church – You need to be battle ready.

Ephesians 6:10-20 Christian Standard Bible

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¹⁰ Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. ¹³ For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, ¹⁵ and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. ²⁰ For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should.

Point #1 – If we are to be battle ready, we must realise that we are in battle.

- A profound point here in Canada.

Paul gives 2 things we must do and then gives a reason.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

- Most of us have grown up in peace.
- In a country that has been a peaceful country.

For a lot of us when we think of war it really doesn't resonate with us.

- We don't understand what it is like to be a country at war.
- To have our homes bombed and literally have to walk away from it.

J. I. Packer – 30 years ago – Book called Hot Tub Christianity.

We sometimes think this ought to be what Christianity is like than what Paul is describing it to be like.

Paul says... For we do not wrestle! – interesting word.

Wrestling is a personal word.

- Not having a controller flying a UAV – that isn't wrestling.

Wrestling you are looking your opponent in the eye.

Wrestling you are grabbing your opponent physically.

- It is a personal word.
- A sweaty word.
- A painful word.

Paul says – everyday there is a battle raging around you – and he says it is a wrestle.

The concept of battle is a very familiar concept in the word of God.

- The concept of God engaged in a battle is often found in the Old Testament.

Isaiah 42:13 says...

[Isaiah 42:13 Christian Standard Bible](#)

[¹³ The LORD advances like a warrior;](#)

[he stirs up his zeal like a soldier.](#)

[He shouts, he roars aloud,](#)

[he prevails over his enemies.](#)

- God is like a sleepy grandfather – who every now and then wakes up to give us kind words.
- The OT would portray God as a warrior going into battle and we follow along in His lead – behind His banner.

In The book of Joshua, we read of God saying – I am going to lead for you – I am going to fight for you – go ahead of you and fight for you in this land.

In North America we need to remind ourselves of this fact.

- Regardless of what we are doing politically, we are at war spiritually.
- We are at war spiritually and we need to have a war time mentality in our churches.

Sometimes the greatest complaints we deal with are...

The complaints about the temperature of the music didn't work for me. Or things like this.

If we are in a war, then these kinds of things are not big deals – right!

- If you are at war you are trying to stay alive.
- If you are in war you are trying to take every advantage to push the enemy back.

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Christian Standard Bible

³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the commanding officer.

- Our Hot Tub Christianity doesn't like verse 3!

Share in suffering.

⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the commanding officer.

Many of us are struggling with this all the time.

- Getting too caught up in building our kingdom here.
- Too engaged and too tied up.
- Feeling like we are not available for God anymore – because we have all these things that we have picked up as we go through life.

⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the commanding officer.

The North American idea of slow down, take it easy, amuse yourself, do only what you enjoy and are comfortable with – Just think about Paul's life – did he follow that strategy?

If you are comfortable go into this town.

If you are comfortable after they beat you, stay in this town and keep preaching.

If you are comfortable, find it amusing – find it wonderful.

Paul says. "Well, I am a soldier of Jesus Christ and where the need is I will be."

Paul would say at the end of his life – "I fought the good fight".

Talking to those of us who are getting younger at heart – as we would call it at TLC.

J.I. Packer – Book – Finishing Our Course with Joy – Guidance from God for engaging with ageing.

The challenge that faces us as we age is to not let our physical slowing down produce spiritual slowing down. But to cultivate the maximum zeal for the closing phase of our earthly life.

- He is saying we are in a battle no matter what age we are.

We are in a battle are we battle ready.

Question – Do we understand that there is a battle raging around us every day.

Point # 2 – If we are to be battle ready, we must recognise who the enemy is.

Verse 12 – we do not wrestle against flesh and blood.

It is the clear that the enemy is not flesh and blood.

- There are often those the ones that you see, but there is a schemer who is manipulating them.

[Ephesians 2 Christian Standard Bible](#)

From Death to Life

[2 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ² in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient](#)

[He is saying...](#)

- You know what it was like to be led by the strategies of the devil.

When someone says that thing or makes that ruling – you need to see that there is someone behind them being influenced.

- That they are not the enemy – the enemy is led by Lucifer.

He calls him here – The devil.

Devil – meaning – slanderer.

It is clear in scripture that when we think of Lucifer, we don't think of it in the way some people do like – light vs darkness – as far as the same amount of power.

- It is an unequal power – the bible says...

Lucifer wasn't created among a group of spirit beings called angels who were to serve God.

Colossians 1:15-16 Christian Standard Bible

The Centrality of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For everything was created by him,
in heaven and on earth,
the visible and the invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or authorities—
all things have been created through him and for him.

Lucifer/Satan – the devil – he chose to rebel against God.

- Other angels joined him – now he continually opposes God's purpose through various schemes that are designed to keep men and woman from the kingdom of heaven and render Christian's immature, ineffective in reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we think about this, we will understand that the devil is limited in his abilities.

The devil is not comparable to God at all.

- He is a creation of God.

The Book of Job tells us that the devil had to travel to and from on the face of the earth and when he left that he came before God's presence, but he was only one spiritual being – he could be like God – everywhere all present at all times.

The other thing we learn about Satan is that he is under limits.

- Many times, we read in the bible of Satan wanting to do things and God saying – This is your boundary – this is what you can do and this that you can't do.

Reference to reading about Asymmetric warfare.

- Term to describe unbalanced in warfare.

The methods of engagement with a disadvantaged military power uses techniques that are subversive tactics – a shot gun against a tank isn't going to work.

- Bringing into being schemes that enabled them to take out a stronger power.

The devil knows enough that he won't go head-to-head.

- Knowing that God is more powerful than him.

Paul says what the devil does is he uses schemes.

- Plan – manipulations – he pretends to be something - maybe good, but it's not good.

The idea is craftiness.

Though if Satan should take advantage of us, we are not ignorant of his devices or strategies.

Devil – slanderer – reminds us that a lot of the time his strategy is using words.

Think of Adam and Eve in the garden – Satan didn't string arm them – he used words – he used deceptive words – used words that planted seeds of doubt in their mind about the goodness, faithfulness and trustworthiness of God.

2 Corinthians 11:3 Christian Standard Bible

³But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be seduced from a sincere and pure^[a] devotion to Christ.

- The serpent is deceptive.

He knows that he cannot win straight up.

Even with Satan and Jesus – it really wasn't a power struggle.

Question – What was the struggle over?

What is truth!

That is why Jesus kept saying – Not it is true – it is written – this is what is true.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 Christian Standard Bible

⁹ The coming of the lawless one is based on Satan's working, with every kind of miracle, both signs and wonders serving the lie, ¹⁰ and with every wicked deception among those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the truth and so be saved.

Revelation 20:2-3 Christian Standard Bible

² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the devil and Satan,^[a] and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations

- He is a deceiver.

As we grew up, we tended to think of Satan's schemes in two categories.

Oppression – Satan manipulating things to go bad around us.

Possession – where a demon completely takes over somebody else body.

A strong case to be made for another word.

Influence – some people would call it occupation.

Ephesians 4:26-27 Christian Standard Bible

²⁶ **Be angry and do not sin.**^[a] Don't let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and don't give the devil an opportunity.

This speaks to those who hold onto bitterness.

This being one of the strategies of the devil.

It says... "Don't give place to the devil".

- Talking to believers here.

The idea being – renting out a room.

- Don't rent out a room in your house to the devil.

Question - If you rent out a room who owns the house?

You do – you are in control of the house.

But what happens?

The person who rents out that room begins to have more influence in your house than the average guy walking by!

How many of us have roommates that have had an impact on things.

- If they play loud music as an example – you can't sleep!

The bible says...

If you are not battle ready and you allow the devil to start renting a room in the house because you start believing some of his lies, some of his strategies, then he begins to rent a room in your house and from there begins to attack you.

- Gradually more and more influence on you!

If we could see the spirit world with our eyes it would make us realise that this is not a game.

- There is an enemy that is bent on destroying our lives.

Have you ever noticed this?

If you allow for one little sin – then it has a habit of just kind of pulling you down that much greater.

Reference made to the Comodo Dragon.

- Bites its pray and then waits for the poison to take effect before it moves in.
- It follows behind at its own pace and waits for the animal to Secombe.

It can't take out the bigger pray on its own in battle – it bites, waits and then moves in.

This is how the devil works – “If I can convince them to take up one of my schemes, take up one of my things, then I get a little spot in my life, then I can continue to bombard them with my lies.

The bible says...

2 Timothy 2:24-26 Christian Standard Bible

²⁴ The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach,^[a] and patient, ²⁵ instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. ²⁶ Then they may come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

WHY?

Because they have believed a lie – the have rented a room – and he has rented a room in their life and then the attack come even harder.

Point # 3 – If we are to be battle ready, you need to know you are in a battle, be prepared for who he is, how he does it and then you must rely on God's strength.

Question – How do we stand well against our enemy?

Paul says this... “Be strengthened in the Lord”.

The question is this...

Will you allow yourself to be strengthened?

- There is no contest if it is a power battle.

Acts 19:13-17 Christian Standard Bible

¹³ Now some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists also attempted to pronounce the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I command you by the Jesus that Paul preaches!” ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish high priest, were doing this. ¹⁵ The evil spirit answered them, “I know Jesus, and I recognize Paul—but who are you?” ¹⁶ Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them, overpowered them all, and prevailed against them, so that they ran out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ When this became known to everyone who lived in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, they became afraid, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high esteem.

- Demons are powerful.

But they are no match – never seem a demon try to oppose Jesus or the people of God.

Question - How are we strengthened? – We are strengthened by God.

We are strengthened by his spirit.

The bible says. Be filled with the Spirit of God.

The bible also says...

James 4:6-7 Christian Standard Bible

⁶ But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says:

**God resists the proud
but gives grace to the humble.**^[a]

⁷ Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

It is humility – it is recognising “God I need your strength”.

Question – What do we need his strength for?

It is in this context.

To put on the whole armour of God – because we don't do a good job on our own.

If we don't consider we need God's strength for the battle!

We should consider Solomon, Samson and David.

Solomon – what was he known for? – Wisdom – the wisest man who ever lived.

Samson – what do we think of? – strength – the strongest man who ever lived.

David – he was one of the most sincere men who ever lived – for loving and pursuing God – God said he was a man after his own heart.

Think about these men, when it came to the schemes of the devil.

As strong, as wise, as sincere as they were – they failed!

- Because they did not do the battle in their own strength.

Satan in his evil cunning lead Solomon to love many wives.

Samson as strong as he was ended up with his eyes gouged out and grinding in a prison.

David fell into the temptation of lust and adultery, then murder.

Question - Are we wiser, stronger and more sincere than these men?

NO!

Matthew 26 says...

Matthew 26:41-42 Christian Standard Bible

⁴¹ Stay awake and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Therefore, let him who thinks he stand take heed, lest he fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12 Christian Standard Bible

¹² So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall.

God says... You need to be relying on God.

God I am looking to you,

God I am trusting you.

God, I need your help for the battle that is ahead of me.

God I need your help to put on the armour of God.

This is why Paul says...

Ephesians 6:13

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¹³ For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

Point # 4 – If we are battle ready, we must resolve to use the armour of God.

We are not able to modernise the context – because God says... These have to do with you!

Making sure that God is integrated into every aspect of life – that is what he is talking about here.

Just as a soldier has armour that protects every aspect of the body – God says...

You need my truth integrated into every aspect of life.

Summarise.

1. Put on the belt of truth.

I need to know who I belong to.

The belt holds everything in place.

We think of truth as a what – when the bible thinks of it as a who!

What does Jesus say in John 14:6

John 14:6 Christian Standard Bible

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

In The Old Testament we have this description of Christ.

He says...

Righteousness will be a belt around his hips.

Faithfulness will be a belt around his waist.

We need to say – I know who I belong to.

I belong to God in faith through Jesus Christ.

In Christ I am a child of God.

- Adoption being one of the greatest themes of scripture.

Adoption says... I want you to be with me. I want to be in a loving relationship together.

This helps us through difficult times knowing who we are.

2. I embrace what I am called to – The Breast Plate of Righteousness.

God looking at us – he doesn't see the mess that we are - but our faith in Jesus Christ – he sees the righteousness that has been given to us.

That is awesome.

But the bible says this...

1 Corinthians 6:20 Christian Standard Bible

²⁰ for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.^[a]

Satan's mode of attack will be whatever is not surrendered to God.

- It could be a simple habit – a bad relationship – or an area of our life that we haven't put under God's control.

Whatever you don't close off to obedience, you will open the door to him to attack.

We need to say... “I am not only going to know the truth, but I going to do the truth.

We should embrace what we have been called to as a child of God.

3. I proclaim what I believed – the shoes, the rightness of the gospel of peace.

Shoes of the gospel of peace.

- There is something that happens to us when we are obedient on proclaiming the god news of Jesus Christ.

There is a sense of where it refines us.

There is a sense of where it strengthens us.

It is like a light that you shine for others, also shines a light for your own feet.

Question - If we turn our flashlight on in the dark to illuminate others, who else does it illuminate?

ME!

- There is something about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, the light of the gospel, that then illuminates our path.

4. I hold fast to what God declares. The shield of faith.

Satan’s main weapons are the lies that he shoots into our hearts like fiery darts.

- Flaming darts not something, Paul came up with.

One of the most feared weapons of the roman soldiers.

- Arrows dipped in tar that would burn – light it – then fire it – on impact the tar would splatter all over and the fire would spread so much faster.

We need to be careful this is what the devil does – firing off one lie which leads to another lie, which leads to more and more.

If you give the devil one inch he will take a mile.

Even in the garden of Eden – Satan saying why would he tell you not to eat from this tree he is obviously lying.

Eve allowed the first arrow to land, then the second arow – “You won’t surely die”.

Then became the brokenness of this world.

- Joseph – betrayed by his brothers – falsely accused – sitting in prison

When Satan whispers “Does this feel like love – is God really for you?”

- David on the run from soul – when Satan whispers “Are you really the anointed King, why is the villain Saul still on the throne – has God forgotten about you?”

It is us when that relationship crumbles – pregnancy test comes up negative – the diagnosis returns.

When Satan whispers “Are you really a child of God – does God really care about you?”

It is then we hold fast and raise that shield of faith and we say, “If God be for me Satan, who can be against me?”

Raising the shield of faith and God says... I am with you; I will never leave you or forsake you”.

Raising that shield of faith we say...

“We know that all things work together for the those who love God”.

Point # 5 - I Remember Who I am Trusting In – The Helmet of Salvation.

This where the devil loves to get in and cause doubt.

“You know who you are?”

Us – “I know who I am Satan”.

Satan wants to remind of who you were, of you are.

- This is where we remind him “I know who I am trusting in”.

The fact that we call ourselves a Christian should mean that we admit we are a mess!

- I am a wreck – a sinner.

But we are declaring that Jesus is the greater saviour.

- This is the helmet of salvation.

So, when Satan comes along and says that we are worthless – we can say I know who I am.

This is why Jesus is so awesome – because we are standing in Jesus.

Our anthem in heaven is this...

Jesus Christ the people witness the one who loves me and set me free from my sins with his own blood.

When we get to heaven this is what we should be singing.

Not that - I was good enough, I managed to do all these good things.

When we get to heaven, we should be saying you know what it's Jesus.

- There is nothing more I could have done to make him love me more, and nothing I could do to make him love me less.

Point # 6 – I Continually Immerse Myself in The Word of God.

Take the sword of the spirit.

Our ability to overcome Satan is directly proportionate to our knowledge of the word of God.

This is what Jesus used with the devil – “It is written Satan”.

He quoted from Deuteronomy.

How many of us do well if we had to quote the book of Deuteronomy alone?

If we want to overcome Satan we must.

- Read the bible.
- Learn the bible.
- Meditate on the bible.
- Memorise the bible.

We are to know the bible so well that when we are cut, we bleed the bible!

Point 7 - If We Are to be Battle Ready, We Must Pray.

[Ephesians 6:18](#)

¹⁸ Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

People don't often include prayer in the list of weapons.

Samuel Chadwick said this...

Only one concern of the devil is to keep saints from prayer, he fears nothing from prayerless studies and prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil and mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray.

18 Pray at all times

- At every aspect of our life, we are to bring it to God in prayer.

with all perseverance

This means that even if we don't get the answer we are looking for or God doesn't seem to be answering, then we continue in praying.

for all the saints.

Everybody needs prayer.

Question – Are you praying for our elders, those who serve in these capacities, those who you in church on a Sunday are beside.

When we come into church on a Sunday morning do we say – I want to pray for them?

Then Paul even asks for prayer that he might be able to speak the gospel.

- This is Paul the greatest missionary ever.

Saying... I need you to pray for me so that I can do what God is calling me to do.

- So, I can be battle ready.
- So that I can stand with the armour of God.
- That I have truth in every area – covering my life.

Quote from Ian Bounds says...

The church is looking for better methods, God is looking for better men. The holy ghost does not flow through methods but through men. He does not come on machinery but in men. He does not anoint plans but men, men of prayer.

Paraphrased statement from an old preacher.

You know how popular church is, who shows up on Sunday morning, you know how popular a small group is or a leader is, by how many show up at his small group. You know how popular God is by those who show up for prayer.

If we are going to win this battle, we need to be people of prayer.

We aren't going to win the battle on our own.

Adam and Eve in the garden – bible says we wrestle against the devil, against the flesh and against the world.

In the garden Adam and Eve only had the devil – they didn't have a sinful life – they had no evil within them – they were created innocent. They had no evil society around them that was built on the precepts of guilt. God had given the commands.

But they failed because failed to arm themselves and out on the word of God in every aspect of their lives.

Question – Do you think that we are going to do better than them when we are surrounded by a sinful society?

When we have sinful nature within us that wants to grab on to those tactics that the devils puts with us.

No – we need the help of Jesus.

Who said no I am not giving into this – he is the one – he is our helper.

We know how this ends.

Quote – A mighty Fortress is Our God

*For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

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*Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?*

*Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His Name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.*

3

*And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.*

It is written how this whole battle ends.

But what is not written is the part that we will play!

We don't have a choice whether we have a part to play with the battle raging around us.

We only have a choice as to the role we play.

Paul saying – Be battle ready.

Will it be said of us as it says in Romans 12:11...

Romans 12:11 Christian Standard Bible

¹¹ Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit;^[a] serve the Lord.

On Vanuatu island – one of the islands there is called martyr island.

It is called martyr island for a reason.

Story told of John Williams.

God calling him to bring His dark light to the island where others had been killed before.

- Before this he and his wife had been on the Cook Islands – God had done a great ministry there.

- As John and wife go there and are murdered and the news reaches the Cook Island – an aged man who had been a warrior before addressed his fellow believers and challenged them to continue the work.

He went and he fell – as soon as one fell – another said I will rise up and I will take the battle to that island.

Until now it is called Martyr Island – not because they are still doing it, because they did embrace Christianity.

Over 40 missionaries died in making sure the light got spread in that land.

Question for everyone – All you all in?

G.T. Studd said this...

My prayer is when I die, all hell rejoices that I am out of the fight.

Are we going to be battle ready – ready to serve God – to step in and say this is where the battle is, I am going to jump in, and I am going to serve my master.