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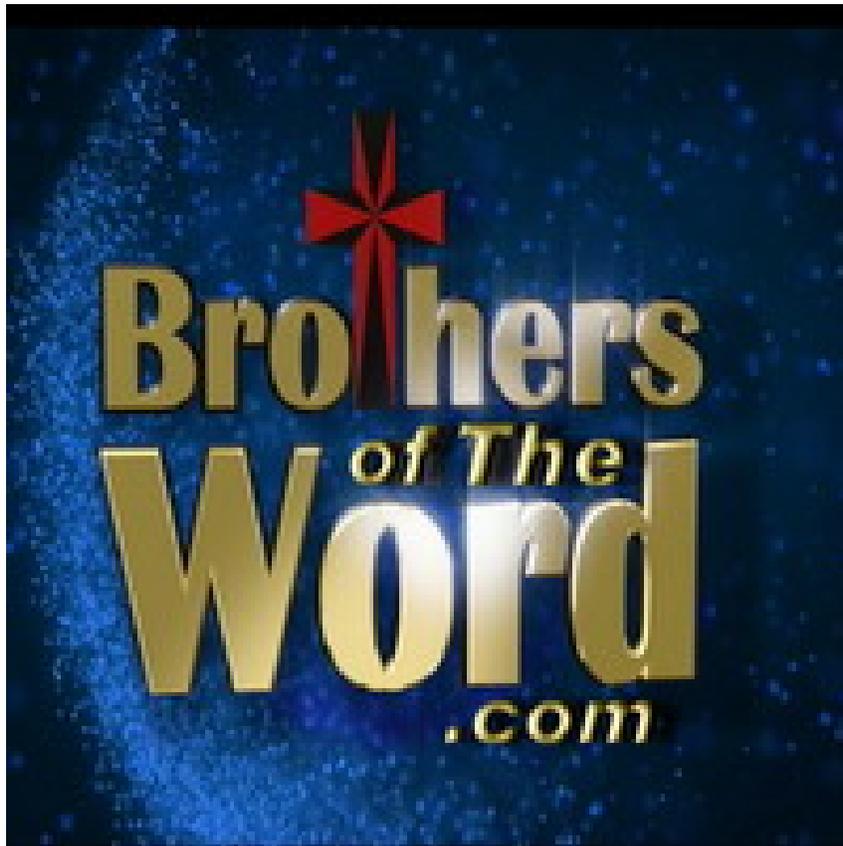
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Female: And now for 5709, The Whole Armor of God, part six - The Sword of the Word of God.

Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. And today, we're still in the midst of a series called, "The Whole Armor of God" from Ephesians chapter 6, beginning at the 10th verse, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth." The first message was the "Utility best of truth." "And having on the breastplate of righteousness" the second message. "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" the third message. "Above all, taking the shield of faith" the fourth message. "Where with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation" the fifth message. "And the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" our message for today. The sword of the word of God.

During the Civil War, there was a union soldier and he was out in the front lines and he got shot in the shoulder. So, his captain who told him, he said, "Soldier." Said, "Look, give me your rifle and you go back to the rear of the land and get out the harms way." So, the soldier, he rushed back to the rear of the land and when he got back to the rear, he saw there was a whole lot of fighting going on there. So, he then went to his right and he went about 200 or 300 yards and he got over there, and he saw, they were battling like mad over there. So, he then

went to his left and he went to his left about another 400 yards and he thought he is going to have some safety and peace there. He got there and they were battling like mad over there. So, finally he went back up to the front line to his captain. He said, "Look, captain, give me my rifle back because there ain't no rear to this battle."

As we go through life, in spiritual warfare, there is no rear. There is no front where there's no demons and no devils and where there's absolute peace and there's no problems. There is no rear. As I was sitting in my office at my desk this morning and I looked up, put up a picture, this is the view from my office window at home and as I looked out over this view, I said to myself, "My, how peaceful this is" and I looked out over the lake. But you know, even as peaceful as that is, as tranquil as that lake is, do you know there's some battle goes on at home and you have to deal with warfare everywhere you go. And you have to be diligent everywhere you go because the enemy is no respect to a place.

Do you know the devil when he was tempting Jesus? He tempted Jesus from the very top of the temple? So, if the devil can go to the top of the temple -- a lot of times, we see in the movies dealing with vampires. If the vampire can't come on holy ground, "Oh yes, they can. Oh, yes, they can." See, the devil did not just go to the temple, the devil went to the very top of the temple. So, there is no place really that the devil on this plane of existence does not have access to. So, whether you're in church -- because you know, there's some demonic stuff going in church. You know stuff happen in church. So, if you will question about whether the devil can get in church, you just look at some of the stuff that happens in church. The devil can get in church. The devil can get in your home. It's a warfare. There ain't no rear to this battle. You're on the front lines all of the time.

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You see, the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. The sword in ancient times was the exact equivalent of a gun. The sword was used for basically one main purpose and one main purpose only and that was to kill folks. The sword in ancient times was the literal and exact equivalent of a gun. Now I have three swords up here on the pulpit with me today. This is the

sword that I took from the wall in my home this morning. So, I have a sword in every single place that I am over. I have a sword in my home. “Well Pastor, why you got a sword in your home?” because sometimes you have to rebuke the devil out of your house and you have battles to fight in the home.

I have a sword in my office here at this church and this is the current sword that I have in the office right now, but I have another sword that I move to my executive office, in my business office. Now, the sword that I have in my business office used to be the sword I had here at the office. When I first brought that sword in, I have a mahogany desk in my office here at the church. I laid that sword across the desk and the tip of the sword was pointing to one of the lakes.

I want you to put up the picture of the lake, I took it this morning. This is a picture of that lake. When I laid that sword across the desk and I came in the next week, that lake and only that lake was ripped or split from top to bottom. I said, “Lord, what in the world? I laid the sword across the desk. I come in the next week and the lake is literally split.” And I believe it was God even showing me then that the sword of my word has power. That’s why the bible says, “It divides the sunder” it splits, it separates. It will separate the good from the bad. It will separate you from stuff.

You need a sword; you fundamentally need in modern terminology a weapon of war that is offensive. And when I mean offensive, I don’t mean that is something that just -- you know, hurts people’s feeling. I mean it’s a battle of the offense.

Luke Chapter 22:35, it begins, “Then Jesus asked them, When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?” “Nothing,” they answered. He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. It is written: And he was numbered with the transgressors; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment. The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords. “That is enough!” Jesus said.” Jesus told the disciples, “Look, if you don’t have a sword, sell your coat, take your purse, and go buy one. Jesus said, “Go get you a gun.” That’s the equivalent.

That’s right here all day long, this thing will kill you. This is not

used for planting corn. It's not used for dusting off your furniture. It's not used for cooking. Yes, if you're cooking you some corn, you can take a sword, yeah, you can store. But no, that's not its purpose. This thing has one main purpose and one main purpose only and that is to kill you. That's what a sword fundamentally is. Jesus says, "If you don't have one, go get you one."

I am not talking about going and buy you guns. Even though I have ton of them. I really do. I'm armed to the absolute teeth. And I know you would ask, "Pastor, you are a nice man. You're non-violent, you're a man of peace." I absolutely am, but my wife will tell you, "I'm armed to the teeth." I mean the teeth. I got some weapons that bullet proof vest won't help you with. I really do and I know how to use every single one of them. I got ammunition. I can hold off a small army. "But Pastor, why? Why are you so armed?" You see, I am man of peace. My wife, she'll verify every bit of this. I will not kill anything if it's not necessary. If something runs across the floor and if it's not -- I will picked it up, take it outside, I will not kill it. I do not believe in unnecessary violence or unnecessary killing, but I'm armed to the teeth.

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And if somebody come in my house to mess with me, you ain't got to have to call the police, you ain't going to have to call the ambulance. You're going to need to call a coroner. So, see, that's why Jesus told you, "Go and get you a sword if you don't have one". Have you ever read the Old Testament and when you start reading to the Old Testament, you will see how much war and how much violence was there because people, if you are not prepared to defend yourself spiritually and physically, folk will take your stuff. They will abuse you and you need to be prepared.

I am a man of peace but you're looking at the pastor, all our muscles are pretty solidly strong. So, I am prepared, I will never throw the first punch, but I'm always going to be prepared to throw the last one. So, it is a principle that you need a physical type of sword in one form or another you have to have soldiers to protect you that's why the US military is so strong. That's why no one has invaded the US. They haven't just not invaded the US because they liked the US. They haven't

invaded the US because the US got the most guns. They haven't invaded the US because the US got the most missiles. They haven't invaded the US because they know if they step on US soil, they got a fight on their hands.

That's why they haven't invaded the US not because they respect our religion. They don't respect your religion; they respect your guns. They respect your swords and Jesus said, "If you don't have a sword, go get you one." The disciples came back and they said, "Lord, we got two of them. We got two of them." That's really all you can carry.

See, two swords are all you can use because many times they would actually carry two swords. They would have a long sword and a short sword and this was a fighting technique, it's called the Florentine technique. It's a fighting technique that you use where you use two swords, but you can't use three. So, they had the maximum number of swords that they could use. Now, this is my sword. This is actually C. Elijah's sword. His sword is shorter than mine. I got big old sword, oh mine is a big, because I believe if you have to fight, you need the most powerful weapons you can get your hand on.

Now, when they talk about the sword of the word, they're actually talking about the short sword because Paul used the comparison of the Roman soldier in his equipment in this Ephesian's verses and he was actually talking about the short sword, not the long big sword. You see, when Paul used the word, and those verses, normally in most of the bible, when he talks about the word of God, it uses the Greek word logos. Logos is the entire word of God. It's the whole bible. While in this passage, he did not use the word logos, he used the word Rhema. Rhema is a specific word, it's a short word. It's not the whole bible. It's a relevant pertinent word for your right then and right there. And sometimes, you don't need the whole bible. You need the word that is relevant to you right then, right there and it's like they say about a gun or camera. You said, "What's the best type of gun or what's best type of camera to own?" The best type is the one you got when you need it.

It doesn't make any difference if you got a Smith & Wesson. They make a Smith & Wesson, the most powerful handgun in the world. It's Smith & Wesson 50 caliber, shots a big old 50-caliber round. You can really almost break your hand just

firing because it's so powerful and you can have a Smith & Wesson 50 caliber at home in your drawer. But if you're out on the street and you needed the most powerful handgun in the world, won't do you a bit of good sitting home in your drawer. If you got a little 25 caliber Derringer in your back pocket, that Derringer is most valuable to you than a 50 caliber back in your room.

So, the Rhema word is a specific word that you need right then and there. It is not that the word of God is not powerful. See, the word of God is the whole armory. That's everything. That's the nuclear weapons, that's the submarine, that's the jets, that's the tanks. That's everything. But sometimes if you're out in the field and you're facing an enemy soldier looking you in the eye, getting ready to pull his gun up to blow your head off, what you need is what you need right now. A nuclear weapon back in the silo would do you no good even though it's a million times more powerful, if the soldier is getting ready to pull his rifle up to blow your head off and you've got a nuclear weapon back in the silo that's a million times more powerful, it won't do you a bit of good. What you need is what you need right then. You need a Rhema weapon right then.

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The word of God is powerful. It's sharper than any two-edged sword. But so many of us Christians, we walk out into the world unarmed. We have no weapon and you see; a sword has several components to it. You have to have the sword, but you have to know how to use the sword.

See, even a gun is no good. I took my wife to the range. I had to teach my wife how to shoot. The gun would have been no good in my wife's hand because she just didn't know how to shoot it at all. I have some automatics; she didn't know how to pull the slide back the cock to automatic. So, it can be the most powerful automatic in the world but if I handed that to my wife and somebody was attacking her, it would do her no good. She would just have to take the gun and throw it at him. That's the best that's going to happen.

She had to be trained how to shoot the weapon. She had to be trained how to cock the weapon and then I had to find a weapon that was suitable for her because some of my guns just didn't

work. She said, “Baby, they hurt my hand every time I shoot it, it just hurts.” I said, “Sweetheart, even if it does hurt your hand, you have to shoot it but once or twice.” So, I can guarantee, if you learn how to shoot this gun, even though it may hurt your hand, you shoot it once or twice, trust me. The fellow on the other end is going to be hurt a lot more than your hand. So, trust me, that’s why the knowledge is important.

See, sometimes for you to use the word of God, it hurts because you have to steady it. You have to pull away from watching your TV and sometimes it hurts because it’s not what you want to do, but you need to be armed when you move out into the world because you don’t ever know when you’re going the need the weapon of the word of God and you’re going to need a Rhema weapon. You’re going to need to know exactly what to say.

When the devil tempted Jesus, the devil said, “I’ll give you all this stuff. I’ll make you ruler of all these kingdoms.” He told him this from the top of temple. “I’ll give you all of this.” Do you ever heard the devil like he was promising you just a whole lot of stuff, or a lot of pleasure? Just promising you all the stuff, never like it appears, but it’s a good sounding promise. Devil said, “I’ll give you all this stuff.” Jesus had the word. He had the world in him. He had the word on his hip. He had the world where he can pull it out right away. He didn’t have to go get the book and look it up because you don’t have time when you’re in the battle. It’s no time to learn to fight when you’re in a fight. Matter of fact, you can’t even think when you’re in a fight. It has to be reflex.

So, Jesus had the word in him where it was reflex and when the devil said, “I’ll give you anything if you just obey me.” Jesus said, “It is written.” It is written, “Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.” So, Jesus had that word and every time Satan would come out and he could jab him. It is written. It is written. But how are you going to jab the devil with it is written and you don’t know what wrote? We go out unarmed into the world and the devil knows the word better than we do. The devil is older than we are. He’s got that word in right and left

That’s why when Satan again told Jesus, he said, “Look.” He said, “If you’re the son of God, throw yourself down from here for it is written, he will command his angels concerning you to

guard you and they will lift you up.” Satan was quoting the word. He is well armed but Jesus says, “It is written, you shall not tempt the Lord your God.” He was able to battle Satan with the sword, the word. Satan told him, “Turn this stone into bread’ and Jesus said, “Man does not live by bread alone.” You got to have it in you. You got to know God’s word when you’re in the middle of the attack, when Satan comes against because he will.

If Satan came against Jesus, don’t you think, he’s going to come against you? And listen, Jesus was able to parry and thrust and defeat Satan’s temptation. But when you get to the end of those series of verses, you know what the bible says? Satan left him, but it says this. He say, “He left him. He departed from him until another season.” Even when you beat Satan, when you have conquered one temptation, you can’t just lay your weapons and say, “I don’t need this anymore” because Satan does, he departs from you for a season and he sits back and waits and sees when you become weak, when you have let your sword and the word become rusty.

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When you have left it on the bed, when you have left in the drawer, when you no longer have it with you and he looks and he sees and he said, “Hey, walk out in the house unarmed and I can go and I can attack them now.”

We’ve got to understand that we are warriors and this plane of existence is a constant war. It is a constant war, but when you are well armed and know how to use your weapons, you can live in peace. See, there are really three things about a sword or a gun, the modern equivalent. They’re really three things about a sword that makes a difference. First of all, it’s a deterrent. You walk around with this on your hip -- I had lunched with Prophet Dexter the other day, he’s a Georgia State patrol officer. So, when he walked into the restaurant, he got this big old Glock 17 on his hip. You’re going to think twice before you fool with a man with the Glock 17. So, you got to get through 17 bullets so you can get to the man.

So, it does make you stop a little bit when you see somebody walking around and they have on a sword. So, first of all it’s a deterrent. Folk won’t fool with you as fast when they see you well armed. The devil won’t even bother you if he knows you

are well able, you are ready, you are skilled in the use of the word, the devil won't bother you. It's a deterrent when you are well prepared

Do you know how trouble has a way of not happening to folk who's ready for it? It's like insurance. Folk with a big insurance policy don't ever die. Do you ever notice that? Folk with just grand big old insurance policy, like don't ever die. You know somebody got (00:22:08) like it could drop off just as quick. But you got somebody, you'll have a grand big old insurance, but like they don't ever die. So, it's something that when you are prepared that it is a deterrent, it really is. It just stays off even death itself when you are prepared. So, a sword first of all, it is a deterrent. Second, it is an offensive weapon. So, if you do get to a battle, if you do get into a skirmish, you got a whole lot better chance if you have a sword and you know how to use it.

The third thing use, it's a confidence builder. When you're walking around with a Glock 17, it strange a little bit. It really does. When Prophet Dexter walks with his Glock, he feels a little different than when he didn't have it because when you got the Glock on your hip, you know that you can deal with most stuff that comes your way. I got a concealed license to carry. I very rarely carry my weapon, but sometimes if I'm going for long hike in a remote wood and I'm on just be at there for a long time, I'll stick me a little confidence somewhere if you know what I mean. Now, I never had to use it. I'm not talking about the comfort of the holy spirit. Whenever I'm deep in the woods, I've never had to use it, but sometimes in the woods you hear stuff, then you hear some bushes running over here and you got the one, "Is that a wolf? Is that a mountain lion? What is that over there in those bushes?"

Without the comforter, you are a little bit more concerned, now I know it's probably not a bear, it's probably not a mountain lion, it's probably not a wolf. I understand all of that, but when you hear the bushes rumbling, when you have the comforter with you, it does reduce your apprehension. Now see I got my comforter, it only had six shots, but them six powerful shots and I got so I got laser sight on it so I'm going to miss. So, I know that if some does hop out on the bushes, I'm ready for it.

So, when you have the sword of the word with you, you know that if some does hop out of the bushes, you are ready for it. But

Christians often times, we walk out into the world and we are simply not armed and this is a world war in spiritual sense. It's a world of war in a spiritual sense because the devil is trying to win your soul. That's the prize. He is trying to win your soul and your eternal life and he comes to kill, to steal and to destroy. If that's not war, what is? And how do you prevent it? The bible has given us the whole armor of God that we need to put on. So that if we do get in a skirmish, we come out victors because if you are true believer, you're already supposed to be victor.

It's not just a battle that we're going in to fight. We're going with the mentality we've already won and it changes. But when you don't have your armor on, when you don't have your sword, when you don't know the word, you're apprehensive and you're not confident. You need to be like that soldier, the platoon that was in the Korean War. It was Bravo Company and Bravo Company was out on a mission. The war was raging and so they went radio silent. Headquarters couldn't get a hold of them. So, they kept calling, "Bravo Company come in. Bravo Company come in." Nothing from hours and they kept calling, "Bravo Company, Bravo Company" and finally, they hear a weak faint voice. "This is Bravo Company here." They said, "Where are you, are you all right?" They said, "Well." They gave the coordinates of where they were in and they said, "The enemy is to the north of us." And they said, "The enemy is also to the west of us. The enemy is to the east of us and the enemy is to south of us." So, basically, when they gave the description, the enemy was all around and the captain of Bravo Company said, "They're all around us. We got them now.

So, you got to understand, as you go into this battle of life, stuff is all around you. But when you are armed with the sword of the word, you got them now. So, people, we are not wimps, we are warriors and yes, the devil is after us, the devil is after our children, the devil is after everything good we got. But you have to be able to stand with the word of God, with the sword of God, and you need to be able to stand at your threshold and you need to be able to stand just like this and say, "Come on devil, because if you come after me, you're going to regret the day you ever decided to attack me." That's how you have to be. That's how you have to feel. But you cannot feel like that if you are not armed, if you are not prepared. We are victors, not victims and we are prepared in this war and we have already won, but we

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must train, we must have our knowledge, we must have God's word in us, so that it is with us all of the time.

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