

Ephesians—The Gospel Unites Take Up the Word of God Ephesians 6:17 (page 979/large print 1163/1245) Pastor Matt Kottman May 26, 2024

1.	God	Has	Given	Us a	Sword	for	a Purpo	se
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2. It is the Sword of the Spirit

3. It is the Word of God

4. How do we use the Sword?

Questions for discussion and application:

1.	What is something that you left behind that you found that you
	really needed?

- 2. Often we do not prepare for the challenges ahead. What are some ways that we can prepare to use the Sword of the Spirit?
- 3. Read Matthew 4:1-11. How does Jesus use the Word of God? Why do you think he was ready for the temptation when it came?
- 4. Read 1 Cor 10:13. How might knowing the Scriptures be God's way of escape from temptation?
- 5. Read Hebrews 4:1-2, 11-13. What difference does faith make in our knowing the Word of God? Why?
- 6. Can you think of a time when you knew the right Scriptures for your temptation but you didn't believe them? What happened?
- 7. Can you think of a time when you knew the right Scriptures for your temptation and you did believe them? What happened?
- 8. How can you become a better "sword handler"? What steps are you going to take to make that a reality?