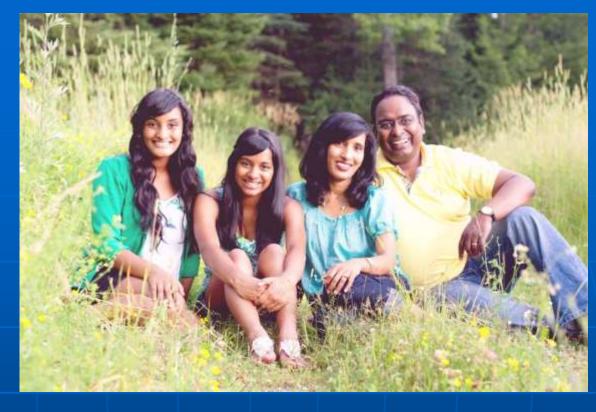
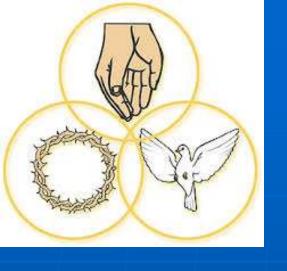


# Equipped 2serve



Day 2> Soldier
Word as Sword

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## Ministry: Yes, it's a Big Deal! Covenant: making, breaking ...keeping (Heb.13:21-22)

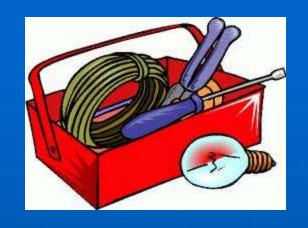
- Father: planned, 'called out' a people
- Son: procured/blood, 'commissioned'
- Spirit: empowers, 'changes' Us 4life2serve
- Believers: sent2share His life-giving words

#### The God of Peace equips us with tools to serve one another and to please Him!



- 1. Wonderful Shepherd intercedes equipping us
- 2. Powerful Scriptures entrusted to equip us
- 3. Faithful Servants gifted to equip saints!
- 4. Useful Suffering allowed to equip us!

#### Our Ministry Equipments definitions, correlation...



- 1. Work of Prayer (Fisherman: 2Cor. 13:9)
- 2. Word as Sword (Soldier: 2Tim. 3:17)
- 3. Workers with Gifts (Trainer: Eph. 4:12)
- 4. Wounds that Heal (Doctor: 1Pet. 5:10)

### Equipment # 2 - Word Alive! Bible = Active, Effective? (Jn. 13:17; Heb.4:12)

- Theology v. Ethics 'doer of Word' Jas.1:23
- Mirror of Word works, so let it go thru you
- Beautiful minds know; 'beautiful feet' obey
- Image of Word@work: milk, honey, bread
- God's fire, hammer; Our sword!

#### Equipment # 2 – All Scripture! Able, Reliable & Profitable! (2Tim. 3:16-17)

- For Doctrine & Reproof: what's right, what's not!
- Correction & Instruction: how to get & stay right!
- ...in righteousness, so the wo/man of God may be adequate/artios thoroughly equipped/exartizo for ... every good work

Spiritual Fitness: prepared with [military] supplies fully furnished, completely equipped

head, heart, hands to do God's will

#### Equipment # 2: Word as Sword! (Heb 4:12) Soldier ready 2fight... 4food!

Spiritual Fit 2 Fight? how adequately rU equipped?

Postmodern Disease = No hunger for God's Word!

- Lasting Famine: Illiterate (Psa.106:15, Am 8:11)
- Lack of Faith? Lk.18:8; Rom.10:17 (trust & obey)
- Long Fight: 'perilous days' 2Tim. 3:1f

#### Scripture: the Standard for Faith & Order (2Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 4:6, 13)

Historicity: Divinely Safe guarded, Sound doctrine

Authority: Human traditions, reason, experiences

Sufficiency: Revelatory Truth shows the Way / Life!

Our Maturity: Written to transform and to conform

us to... the Living Word = Christ-ian!

#### Jesus' *promise*: I will build on this 'petra' Mt.16:18 but how? Jn. 17:6-8; 16-21

Jesus' prayer: <u>sanctify</u> them thru Thy truth Word = truth, cleanses! Jn. 15:3; Eph. 5:26

Jesus' pleasure: to give us God's words, that sets us apart, makes holy One-in-Son, works in us till we reach perfection = X-like



#### Oh, how I Love thy laws! (Psa. 119: 97) God of 'Great Peace' have they who (v.165)

- 1. Shepherd's life Blood saves & equips us
- 2. Scriptures = living Book equips 2do law
- Spirit creates living Body = "the Church"

  Spirit of life in Christ; 'people of the Book'



#### Equipment # 2 – Word@Work! God's tool to do God's work 2Tim. 2:15

- Is the <u>Word</u> well used?
   Rightly divide, Practically apply
- 2. Is the <u>Work</u> well done?

  Call for Integrity & Excellence
- 3. **Is my <u>Lord</u> well pleased?** with my Intimacy & Involvement



#### "Feeling His Pleasure!" Eric Liddell 400m,1924, Paris

