

HIS WORD IS YOUR GREATEST WEAPON.

Ephesians 6:17

and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

“Because the sword itself was worn in a sheath, and the sheath was fixed to the belt to carry it, both sheath and belt were seen as belonging to the sword, the three items forming a unit.” – Stephanie Hoss¹

- ▶ Words have power!
- ▶ The power of God’s Word: Allows you to see yourself as God sees you.

Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Q: Why a sword?

- 1) Best battle tool of the day.
- 2) Evenly balanced.
- 3) Cuts deeply.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

Ways God uses His Word in our lives and how we can help others

- ▶ Teaching us: Helping us learn about God. #Learn

- ▶ Reproving us: Alerting us to change course immediately. #Stop

- ▶ Correcting us: Helping us improve. #Tweak

- ▶ Training us: Guiding us in a new way of life. #Train

2 Timothy 2:9

I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

¹ Stephanie Hoss, "The Roman military belt – a status symbol and object of fashion," *Dress and Society: Contributions from Archaeology*, eds. Toby F. Martin and Rosie Weetch (Oxford: Oxbow Books, 2017), 103.