

IRON MAN

STAND YOUR GROUND

taking it home

{ notes for small group, family & personal study }
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The Power of the Sword

Ephesians 6:17b

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“The sword of the Spirit”

The Spirit is the source of the sword.

The Spirit led life (Ephesians 5:18)

The power of the Spirit (Acts 1:8)

“The Word of God”

Not the Bible in your hand.

But spoken word of God from your mouth.

Example: Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

John 14:26

keeping it real

1 Tell of a time when someone wanted to talk to you, but you did not want to hear what they had to say. Explain. Have you ever been the one who needed to do the talking?

look at the book

2 How would you describe the struggle the King of Israel had with the Word of God in 2 Chronicles 18? When have you played the role of one of these two kings? Have you ever been put on the spot like Micaiah?

3 Surgeons perform surgery on anesthetized patients. God performs surgery using a slightly different method (Hebrews 4:12-13). Describe how God’s method differs from that of the surgeon and what He can do that the surgeon cannot. What is our challenge during surgery (Hebrews 3:7-8, 15; 4:7; Psalm 95:7)?

the next step

4 If you are not regularly taking in the Word of God, you are hardening yourself to God’s voice. What is your current practice for taking in the Word of God?

5 If you are regularly taking in the Word of God, what is God revealing to you? We err when we only read it for content. How can you better listen for His voice (John 10:27)?

resources for taking in the Word of God:

- Today’s bulletin has a 52-week Bible-reading plan insert. Start now!
- The *1 Year Daily Audio Bible* is a fantastic free podcast that can be subscribed to in *Itunes* and downloaded on an MP3 player, or listened to online. Here’s the website: <http://www.dailyaudiobible.com>.

my next step this week is to:

- Continue memorizing Ephesians 6:10-20.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to *clearly* lead me in at least one activity.
- By God’s power, speak to someone His words.
- Other _____