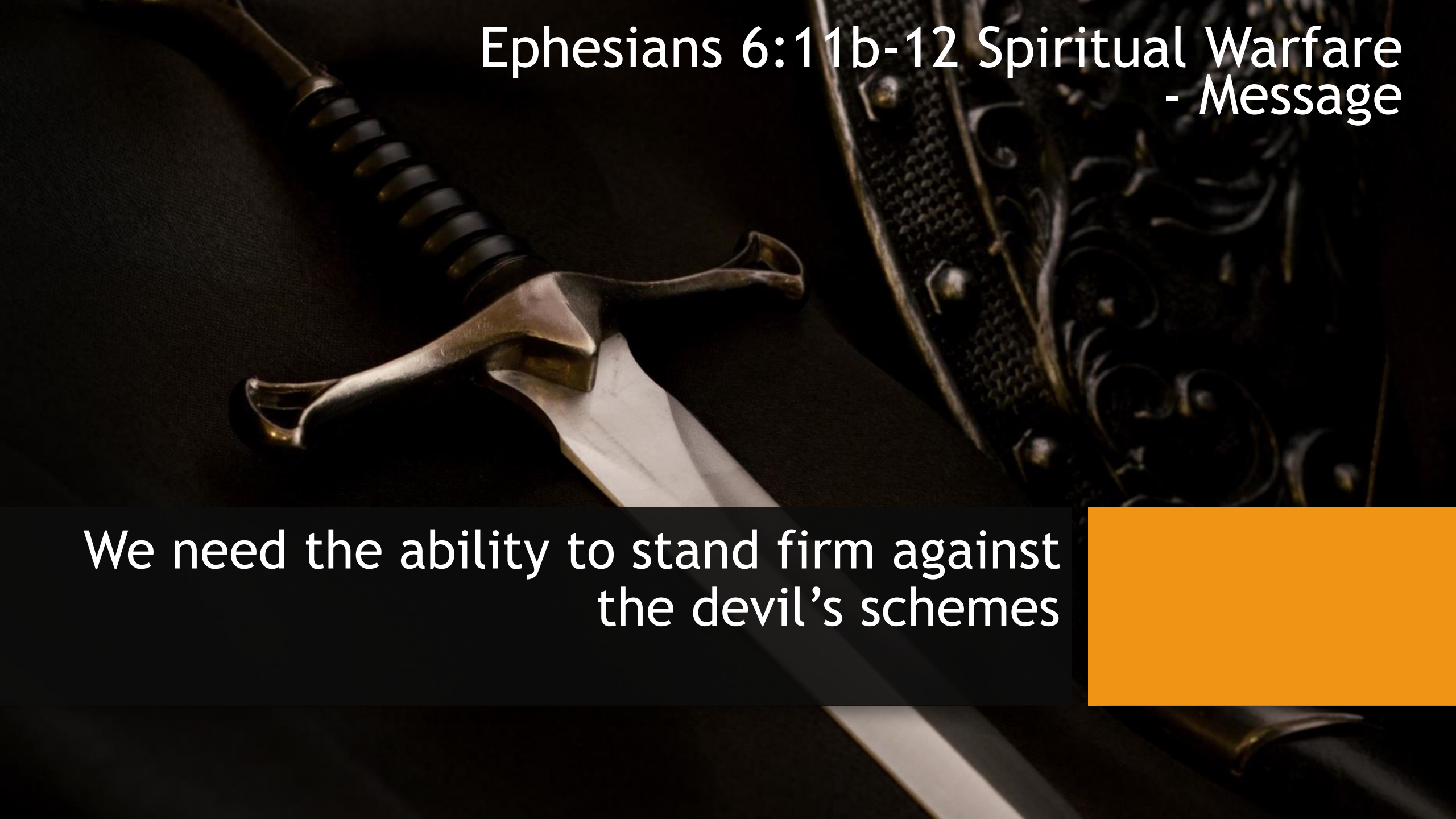


# Spiritual Warfare

A close-up photograph of a sword's hilt and blade, with a decorative scabbard in the background. The hilt features a black, ribbed grip and a silver-colored metal guard. The blade is partially visible, showing a sharp edge. The scabbard is dark with intricate, light-colored scrollwork patterns. The background is dark and textured.

# Ephesians 6:11b-12 Spiritual Warfare - Message

We need the ability to stand firm against  
the devil's schemes

# Ephesians 6:10-13 Outline (in progress)

## Stand firm in spiritual warfare (6:10-20)

1. Be strong by putting on God's armor (6:10-13)
  - a. Be strong in Jesus' strength (10)
  - b. Put on the armor to be strong (11a)
  - c. You need the ability to stand firm against the devil's schemes (11b-12)

# Spiritual Warfare - Eph 6:11b-12

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## You need the ability to stand firm

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Stand firm = to put up resistance against something;  
endure the full assault without wavering

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The devil schemes against the church

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Against = face-to-face engagement  
Schemes = strategies (see Eph 4:14)

# Characteristics of our enemy

1. Our enemy's leader is deceitful and crafty
2. Our enemy is powerful
3. Our enemy is evil
4. Our enemy operates in an invisible realm



# The devil is a master strategist

“We must not imagine, therefore, that open persecution and open temptation to sin are his only or even his commonest weapons; he prefers to seduce us into compromise and deceive us into error”

(John Stott, *Ephesians*, p. 265)

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# Our struggle is not against human beings

Anselm mentioned that in battle, a valiant warrior will kill the enemy horseman, not the horse. He then gains the horse!

“So we must do with the wicked. We are not to bend our wrath against them, but against Satan who is riding them, who spurs them on. We must labor by prayer for them, as Christ did on the Cross. This may be used of God to dismount the Devil, and to enable these miserable souls to be delivered from him”

(William Gurnall, *The Christian In Complete Armor*, p. 46)

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