**The Whole Armor of God series #3**
**The Shoes**
**Ephesians 6:10-20**

1. The sermon began with the story of Nike's waffle-iron sole. What role do good shoes play in sports or everyday life, and how does that help you picture the spiritual readiness Paul describes?
2. Paul does not simply say "put on the shoes of the gospel," but "having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace." Why do you think he emphasizes *readiness* rather than just the shoes themselves?
3. The preacher explained that Roman shoes provided protection, traction, and mobility. How does the gospel give us each of these in the spiritual battle?
4. The sermon stressed that the gospel brings peace with God because, apart from Christ, we are actually His enemies. How does recognizing our natural enmity with God change the way we understand the good news?
5. The preacher connected ongoing discontentment and coveting with still "warring" against God. In what areas of life do you most struggle to trust God's goodness and remain content?
6. Nike's slogan is "Just Do It!" The sermon contrasted that with the gospel truth "Jesus Did It!" Where do you still tend to live by a "Just Do It" mindset in your Christian life, and how does that leave you discouraged?
7. How does daily remembering the gospel of peace give you firmer footing when facing temptation, accusation, or difficult circumstances?
8. The sermon ended by pointing to Jesus taking the curse upon Himself (including the crown of thorns). How does that finished work give you both peace with God and readiness to follow Him this week?