






	CHRISTIAN STREAKER: Sword of the Spirit
 BIG IDEA	God's Word is given to us as a defensive weapon to stand firm against spiritual attacks, not as an offensive weapon to hurt others.
 ICE BREAKER	What is your favorite movie that includes a sword fight? Why?
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Word of God as our sword is meant for defense, not attacking others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LOGOS: The eternal, pre-existent Word of God ○ RHEMA: The specific, spoken word of God for a particular moment ● Jesus used RHEMA (specific Scripture) to defend against Satan's temptations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Power: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Matthew 20:26) ○ Pleasure: Choose to "be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:25) ○ Pride: "So the last will be first, and the first will be last" (Matthew 20:16) ○ Doubt: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29) ○ Despair: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9)
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What most stood out to you from the message this weekend? Why? 2. When you think of a "sword," what comes to mind? How does thinking of God's Word as a sword change your perspective on Scripture? 3. The pastor mentioned that many believers run around with swords, using Scripture to hurt others. Have you ever witnessed this? How can we avoid this trap? 4. Read Ephesians 6:10-17. Why do you think Paul emphasizes "standing firm" rather than going on the offensive? What does this teach us about spiritual warfare? 5. Jesus used specific Scripture (RHEMA) to defend against temptation in Matthew 4:1-11. Share about a time when a specific Bible verse helped you through a difficult situation. What made that verse particularly meaningful in that moment? 6. Reflect on the five temptations mentioned. Which one do you find most challenging? Why? 7. Read Psalm 119:11. What practical steps can you take this week to better "hide" God's Word in your heart?
 NEXT STEP	Choose one of the five temptations (power, pleasure, pride, doubt, despair) that you struggle with most. Find 2-3 Scripture verses that speak truth into that area and commit them to memory. Practice using these verses as your "RHEMA" defense when that temptation arises.
 SCRIPTURE	<p>Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.</p> <p>Psalm 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.</p>
	Join us next week and invite a friend as we welcome back Pastor Cal for a message on relationships!

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