

## WATCHMEN

### Arrows

#### SERIES BIG IDEA:

**Raising children with eternity in mind brings clarity as to how we live toward the target.**

#### A - Aim

#### R - Rhythm

#### R - Release

#### O - Opponents

<sup>1</sup>Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

<sup>2</sup>In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—  
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

<sup>3</sup>Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

<sup>4</sup>Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

Psalms 127:1-5 (NIV)

#### We follow Jesus on a battleground, not a playground.

<sup>8</sup>Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him...

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)

#### The greatest danger to our homes can be what we allow in our homes.

#### TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**We are watchmen who resist the opposition by taking a stand.**

#### We stand in God's grace by faith.

<sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup>And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:9-11 (NIV)

#### We stand in prayer.

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

#### We stand against temptation.

<sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NIV)

- Teach what is right.
- Ask, "What is wise?"
- Do what honors Jesus.

#### We stand with Jesus.

- I can't.
- Jesus can.
- Join Jesus.

### My Notes:

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