## The Captain's Call: Be alert for you face a devious adversary!

## I. Brethren, remain aware that you are always on a battlefield!

A. When God saves a soul, life will not instantly get easier (Eph. 2:1-4; 6:12)

- B. Therefore recognize where your battlefield is
- C. Learn to know from the Word who your enemy is (Eph. 6:11-12)
- D. Focus on studying his main weapons aimed as you as saints of God: 1. 2 Cor. 10:4
  - 2. Eph. 6:16
  - 3. 1 Tim. 6:9-10
  - 4. 2 Cor. 4:2
  - 5. Matt. 4:9

6. 2 Cor. 12:7

- D. Two devices Satan successfully uses on saved and unsaved (T. Brooks)1. Discouragement to come to Christ
  - 2. Distraction to make use of Christ

## II. In light of your enemy, you are called to be alert and strong at all times

A. Be aware: every step is on the battlefield (Eph. 6:10)

- 1. Satan encounters you with his wiles (2 Cor. 2:11)
- 2. Yet you must not and never despair (Eph. 6:10)
- 3. Be careful: you can't blame Satan for any of your sins!

Finally, be encouraged by the Father's care for Jesus

Then the devil leaveth him [Jesus], and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. Matt. 4:11