



CAPE TOWN 2010 SESSION SUMMARY AND SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

This Summary and Synopsis document has two components:

Page 1 is the summary of all the speakers in the 90-minute session.

Pages 2 and following include a synopsis of each specific video segment extracted from the full 90-minute session.

FULL SESSION SUMMARY - Biblical Exposition of Ephesians 6: 10-24

DATE OF SESSION: 24 October 2010

SUMMARY SUBMITTED BY: Amy Katterson (CT2010 Communications Session Summary Team)

PRESENTER(S): Michel Kenmonge, Ramez and Rebecca Atallah

KEY POINTS:

- * Our struggle is against the devil, not flesh and blood
- * Put on God's armor in order to stand firm in the fight
- * God's power can overcome any evil
- * Arm yourself with the essential values, beliefs, and resources God gives

The session opened with worship, including joyful singing of "King of Kings, Lord of Lords" in many languages. After the video "Let's Eradicate Bible Poverty," Michel Kenmonge urged the Church to contemplate how each local context may pursue sharing the precious Word of God.

Ramez Atallah began the Bible exposition by reflecting on the joy it has been to look through the first chapters of Ephesians together. This final passage addresses spiritual warfare, something undeniably relevant to our life today.

Paul has written, in light of our high calling, to counsel us on how to maintain this glorious faith despite our adversaries and to stand firm. He reminds us that our struggle is against the devil, not flesh and blood. We protect ourselves not with the weapons of the world but with divinely given and empowered weapons. Believers must put on the full armor of God to stand firm against the devil's schemes. Atallah divided the armor into two sections: our responsibility (6: 10-13) and God's equipment (6: 14-20).

Rebecca Atallah shared a story of God's power overcoming evil in a Garbage Village in Cairo. In 1982, the village was without running water, churches, or schools and was filled with drugs and alcohol. The people had no idea of God's love for them. One day a lay person led his garbage man to the Lord and then went to the village to share the gospel. Many responded to the message. Through much prayer, God has transformed the community from the inside out. Today they are even building a center for disabled and critically ill people, founded by the daughter of that first converted garbage man.

Ramez Atallah concluded with an overview of the full armor of God in three categories: 1) essential values (belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, gospel of peace), 2) essential beliefs (shield of faith, helmet of salvation), and 3) essential resources (sword of the Spirit, prayer).

Takeaway

In the fight of faith, we must put on the full armor of God in order to stand firm.



1. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Biblical Exposition of Ephesians
SEGMENT TITLE: Ephesians 6 – Reading by Cape Town 2010 Performing Arts Team
SEGMENT DATE: 24 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Vladimir Pikman, Daniel Nessim (CT2010 Globalink Team)

The entire book of Ephesians is read in turn by a team of seven actors from various countries.

Study Questions:

1. Having heard the whole letter to the Ephesians, what do you now think its overall message is?
2. How does the book of Ephesians encourage us to advance God's kingdom?
3. How important is unity in the book and how can we better reflect it?

The Cape Town 2010 Performing Arts Team:

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2. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Eradicating Biblical Poverty: Video
SEGMENT TITLE: Scripture in Mission: Together Taking the Scriptures to the Whole World
SEGMENT DATE: 24 October 2010 (Ephesians Study)
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Vladimir Pikman, Daniel Nessim (CT2010 Globalink Team)

This Scripture in Mission video tells the story of a Russian man who encountered a team of Christians bringing copies of the Bible in 1992. At that time he was without hope, addicted to drugs and near suicide. Through reading the Bible he moved from knowing nothing about God to devoting his life to Jesus. He started a church in Vladivostok, now with about 100 people. Two other churches also emerged from that initial commitment. This was the power of a little book, a trip, and people sharing the Gospel. The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. By taking the Word of God to others the world will be reached for Christ.

Study Questions:

1. What role did the Word of God play in your salvation?
2. How can you use the Word of God to reach the world for Christ?



3. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Biblical Exposition of Ephesians
SEGMENT TITLE: Ephesians 6 – Ramez and Rebecca Atallah
SEGMENT DATE: 24 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Vladimir Pikman, Daniel Nessim (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Egyptian Christian leaders Ramez and Rebecca Atallah share the platform teaching from Ephesians chapter six. We have a responsibility to be strong and to put on the armour of God in order to win in spiritual battle. Rebecca illustrates the power of the God by the transformation of the Mokatam Garbage Village in Cairo. From a place of despair, it became a place of hope and social advancement through the ministry of the Gospel. The residents learned God loves them. To be used by God, we must hold to our essential values, beliefs and the resources God gives us. Finally, we need boldness, just as the Apostle Paul needed it.

Study Questions:

1. Why does Paul emphasise the need to be strong and bold?
2. What pieces of armour correspond to Christian values, beliefs and resources?