Grandmother, What Big Teeth You Have!

“There lay her grandmother with her cap pulled far over her face, and looking very strange. ‘Oh, grandmother,’ she said, ‘what big ears you have!’ ‘All the better to hear you with, my child,’ was the reply. ‘But, grandmother, what big eyes you have!’ she said. ‘All the better to see you with, my dear.’ ‘But, grandmother, what large hands you have!’ ‘All the better to hug you with.’ ‘Oh, but, grandmother, what a terrible big mouth you have!’ ‘All the better to eat you with!’ And scarcely had the wolf said this, then with one bound he was out of bed and swallowed up Red Riding Hood.” (Charles Perrault)

I’m one of Satan’s biggest targets! I fall for his tricks quite often, unfortunately. He knows how drawn we all are to the safe and familiar. Like the wolf in Charles Perrault’s cautionary tale, Satan will dress like something familiar and trick us into falling for his lies. The angel of light, as Paul describes him, is a perfect description for this skilled liar. “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.” (2 Corinthians 11:13-14) We are to be on the lookout for this great deceiver and keep away from him at all costs! Luckily, the Bible doesn’t leave us without an escape plan! It doesn’t leave us to fend for ourselves. The Bible tells us how to withstand the wiles of the devil and that is by putting on the whole armor of God. Paul said, “…be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:10-11)

How can we grow strong in the Lord? We gain strength by praying, reading the Word, interacting with other believers, and by sharing our testimony only to bring glory to our Lord. Strength doesn’t come overnight, it takes time. Grandmother was devoured because she opened up her home to the wolf. Little Red was devoured because she also got too close to the wolf. This doesn’t have to happen to us as believers! We have the tools of God’s Word and the promise of protection from our Savior.

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