

**Welcome:** We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our theme today **“Desperation opens my heart to pray / 2 Kings 18:17-19, 19:14-20, 32-35** “Note” the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page [www.lightofchristwi.org](http://www.lightofchristwi.org)

### Sermon Outline

1. **When the enemy is pushing you into a corner pick up the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God and speak it out.** Psalm 121:1-2 says, *“I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*
  - Ephesians 6:17 refers to God's Word as "the sword of the Spirit." It is the only piece of offensive weaponry listed with the armor of God in Ephesians 6. The breastplate and helmet are for protection. The shoes help a soldier gain ground. The shield is something to stand behind. But the sword is for attacking and inflicting damage.
2. **Our loving Father often uses desperation to humble us so we cry out to Him.**
  - *Psalm 18:6 says, “In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.*
  - *Matthew 11:29-30 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*
3. **The Lord uses desperation to drive us to our knees in prayer to redirect our lives.** Are you desperate today because you have a problem only the Lord can resolve...Humble yourself and call on the name of Jesus and see what He will do.

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#### 4. Sermon Mediation

a. What did Jesus teach and our show you in the message today?

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b. What is Jesus doing in your life right now as you respond to the message?

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c. How is Jesus challenging you as you listened to today's message?

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d. What do you believe Jesus wants you to do this week?

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e. What could you be praying about...or ask others to pray about for you?

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5. Today's message is about prayer...please feel free to ask for prayer after the service if the Holy Spirit is prompting you. Pastor Tom