

Dan21-Spc117 - **The Spiritual Battle – Pt 6 – Eph 6:14**  
**The Armor – Truth and God’s Word**

We are in our **SEVENTH Msg** on the **Spiritual Battle**  
& we are **Rolling** in the study of the **Spiritual ARMOR**

For **5 weeks** we studied the **BACKGROUND** of the **Spiritual Battle**

Then we **began** last week – w/ the **1st Article** of The **Spiritual Armor**  
The **BELT of TRUTH**

**But** . . . we really **didn’t get** to **finish** it

So **1st today** – I’d like to talk **MORE** about the **Belt of Truth**

& **then** – I’d like to **Talk** about **The SECRET**

to **Successfully Putting On - EVERY Piece** of the **Spiritual Armor**

**If you haven’t been with us for the entire series:**

You can pick up the **CD’s** from Pam

Or watch/listen online - at the **WEBSITE**

Or on the **PHONE APP** (*search wordbymail*)

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The **ONE Statement** – That is **CENTRAL** to this **entire series** –  
& it’s the **statement** I would **‘most like’** you to **remember**

<p><b>Your Spiritual Enemy is trying to Influence your MIND, in order to Influence your ACTIONS, in order to bring DESTRUCTION into your life &amp; the lives of those around you</b></p>
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If you can **Understand** that **Battle Plan** of the Enemy – **Putting On**  
**ALL** the **Spiritual Armor** – will make **PERFECT** Sense

**Let’s Pray**

**Your Spiritual Enemy is trying to Influence your MIND,  
in order to Influence your **ACTIONS**,  
in order to bring **DESTRUCTION** into your life  
**AND** the lives of those around you**

**SO MUCH of the Spiritual BATTLE Begins IN OUR MINDS**

I **WANT** to say The Spiritual Battle **ALWAYS BEGINS** in our **MIND**  
but if I say **ALWAYS**, it might sound like an **overstatement**

But I **truly** went thru **EVERY article** of the **Armor** –  
& **HOW** the battle **associated** with that **Piece** of Armor **Begins**

& **I Believe** – in regard to **EVERY Piece** of Armor –  
**the Battle** (in essence) **ALWAYS** Begins in our **MINDS**

**That's why** we **ended** the **last msg** with

**2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)**

***5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against  
the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey  
Christ,***

**IN** the Spiritual battle – we **MUST**  
Take **EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE** to the **Obedience of Christ**

Because - **EVERY THOUGHT Matters!**

& - as we said **last week** – that **doesn't** Mean **JUST**  
**Removing** the Destructive **LIES** of the **Enemy**

That **also** (& **More Importantly**) **Means**  
**CEMENTING** in our **Minds** – the **POSITIVE Truths** of God

**THAT** is **WHY** – The **BELT of TRUTH**  
is the **Foundational Piece** of The Spiritual **ARMOR**

Because **ALL** the **Remaining Armor**, in some way,  
**RELIES** on the **BELT of TRUTH**

### **The Belt of Truth**

**PROTECTS** us from the **LIES** of the **Enemy** - &  
**STRENGTHENS** us in the **True-Truths** of **God**

The **Enemy** is **CONSTANTLY** Trying  
to **Influence** your **MIND** – to **Destruction**

& the **PURPOSE** of the **BELT of TRUTH** in your life

Is to **constantly DESTROY** those **LIES** of the **Enemy**  
& **REPLACE** those **thoughts** with the **TRUTHS** of **God**

**Keeping** your **MIND** – **STAYED** on the **Truths of God**  
**Will keep** you **VICTORIOUS** in the **Spiritual Battle**

### **Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)**

*3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on  
You, Because he trusts in You.*

We **MUST LEARN** to **KEEP** our **Mind STAYED** on God  
& on **HIS TRUTH**

**“PUTTING OFF”** the **LIES** of the **Enemy**  
& **“PUTTING ON”** the **TRUTHS** of **God**

**THAT** is **Successfully** **“PUTTING ON”** the **BELT of Truth**

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& **remember** from **last week**

The **First 3 Articles** of the **Armor**

Are **Character Traits** that **we** are to be **CLOTHED IN** (*Put On*)

Doing **Spiritual Battle** with the **BELT of TRUTH** Means

Living a **LIFE** of **Putting OFF** the **Lying Influence** of the Enemy –  
& **Putting ON** the **Truths** of God

**BOTH** of which **OCCUR** Primarily - **IN YOUR MIND**

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So . . . HOW exactly DO you DO THAT ??

**HOW** do we **Even DISCERN** the **LIES** of the Enemy  
**From** the **Life-Giving TRUTHS** of **GOD**

& **HOW** do we **GO ABOUT** ESTABLISHING **God's TRUTH**  
To **PROTECT US** from the **LIES of the ENEMY**

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**Allow** me to give you **BOTH**

A **GENERAL** Answer – **And** a **SPECIFIC** Answer

**The GENERAL ANSWER**

is an **Ever-Increasing Relationship** with **Jesus Christ**

That **Causes** you to **Continually LIVE** by **Following the Spirit**

[REPEAT]

**Galatians 5:16 (NCV)**

***16 So I tell you: Live by following the Spirit. Then you will not do what your sinful selves want.***

Your "**Sinful Self**" (sin nature) – is **SO Easily Influenced** by the Enemy that **OFTEN** – You **don't even know** it's **happening**

**But if** you are **WALKING** in the **Spirit** (*following the H.S.*)  
**Then** the **Holy Spirit** will **CONVICT YOU** (give discernment)

**SO THAT** you can **know** the **DIFFERENCE**  
**between** the **LIES** of the **DEVIL** - & the **TRUTHS** of **GOD**

**That is the GENERAL Answer** – to **WALK** (Order your steps)  
**BY Following the Holy Spirit**

& Altho I **CAN'T** teach you here - **HOW to WALK** in the Spirit  
I **CAN** recommend **Two Separate** teaching series

1<sup>st</sup> - **ABIDE** - is a **TEN Part Series** that teaches you  
how to **ABIDE** (remain) **continually** - in **God's presence**

2<sup>nd</sup> – **THE FUNDAMENTALS** – is a **SEVEN Part Series**  
that **teaches** (practical way) **What** we're **about to talk** about

& you **can** get **BOTH** of **those** from **Word-By-Mail**

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So- The **GENERAL** Answer is – **LIVE** by **Following the Spirit**  
& you will **NOT** get **So Easily DUPED** by the **ENEMY**

But **What** About a **SPECIFIC** (more practical)  
**Answer** to that **question??**

I **want** to **be able** to give you Some **PRACTICAL WAY**  
**that** you **can PUT ON** - **Each Article** of the **Spiritual Armor**

& in order to do that  
I'm going to (again & again) quote a VERSE

That is absolutely foundational  
for ALL CHANGE in the Christian Life

Over & Over again  
I'm Going to Read you this Foundational Vs

### Romans 12:2 (nlt)

*2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Rom 12:1 really Goes With 12:2 – But I want you (for now)  
to really FOCUS on the First sentence of Rom 12:2

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*

Your VICTORY (or DEFEAT) - in the Spiritual Battle  
ALWAYS BEGINS – In YOUR MIND

& for VICTORY – You MUST LEARN – to let God TRANSFORM you  
by CHANGING the way that you THINK

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So let's talk about HOW God does that

We have a NATURAL Way of THINKING  
& that NATURAL Way of Thinking is BENT toward our SIN Nature

& our SIN Nature is SO EASILY Influenced  
by our Spiritual Enemy – to our Destruction

& so it **TAKES** Real, Genuine **TRANSFORMATION**  
to **NOT THINK** what comes **NATURALLY** to us

But instead to *let God transform us into a new person  
by changing the way we think*

**Does that make sense?**

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So - There are **TWO WORDS** that are the **SECRET WEAPONS**

for Allowing *God to transform you into a new person  
by changing the way you think*

**Those Words** are - **HIDE** & **MEDITATE**

**When I say HIDE – I don't mean HIDE like "Hide & Seek"**

I mean **HIDE** God's Word in your **Heart**  
& Learn **HOW** to **MEDITATE** on God's Word

**Psalm 119:11 (NLT)**

*11 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin  
against you.*

**Psalm 119** is all about **Meditating** on **God's Word** –  
& **HIDING** **God's Word** in your Heart

**Under the POWER of the Holy Spirit**

**Meditating** on **God's Word** - &  
**Hiding** **God's Word** in your **Heart** . . .

**Will TRANSFORM** You into a New Person  
By **CHANGING** the Way that you Think

But in order to **DO THAT** – We've **GOT** to learn **HOW**

**HOW** do we **MEDITATE** on **God's Word** ?? – &  
**HOW** do we **HIDE** **God's Word** in Our **Heart** ??

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Well - **Let me tell you** one **CRITICAL** thing to **Understand**

God's Word **Doesn't Transform** you by - **OWNING A BIBLE**  
God's Word **Doesn't Transform** you by - **CARRYING A BIBLE**  
Or by **DISPLAYING A BIBLE** Prominently in **your Home**

& **Listen** to this one **carefully**  
**Even** tho **HEARING** **God's Word** Being **TAUGHT** is **IMPORTANT**

I've **seen people** sit in a **Bible Teaching church** for many years  
& **never** be **Transformed** **ONE BIT**

**In order** for us to **PUT ON**  
the **Foundational Piece** of **ARMOR** for the **Spiritual battle**

***We've GOT to allow God to transform us into a new person  
by changing the way we think . . .***

& **in Order** for **THAT** to **Happen**

We've **GOT** to **LEARN** how to **MEDITATE** on **God's Word**  
& **HIDE** **God's Word** in our **HEART**

**& IF you WILL DO THAT**

- 1) **God** will Begin to **TRANSFORM** You
  - 2) **You** will begin to see **VICTORY** in the Spiritual Battle
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**In order** to do this – we taught **FOUR** very specific **Msgs**  
as part of **THE FUNDAMENTALS** Series

**Quiet Time**

**Meditating on God's Word**

**Praying According to God's Word**

**Worshipping In God's Word**

**Those** are the **First 4 Msgs** in the **Fundamentals Series**

& **Honestly** – if I could **STOP** - & **teach THOSE 4 msgs** right here  
**as we go** into the **Spiritual Armor**

It **would lay** the **Perfect Foundation** – For **TRUE VICTORY**  
as we **study each Article** of the **Armor**

But – **I Can't** – So you'll **just have** to **get the series** & listen

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But – **Let me** show you a **BIT** of what I **MEAN** by  
**Meditating** on **God's Word** - & **Hiding** **God's Word** in your **heart**

**When Christians** really **DESIRE to do** this . . .

One of the **Biggest Challenges** I've seen – is **FINDING**  
the **Scriptures** to **MEDITATE** on - & to **HIDE** in your Heart

There **ARE WAYS** to find the **right scriptures** on **your own**

But it **DOES** take some **Discipleship** & **Knowing** the  
**Right Resources** to **put together** the **Right Scriptures**

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**But let me SHOW you what I mean  
by Meditating on - & Hiding God's Word in your heart**

**Last week I made a point that it's not just the "Negative" Truths  
that we must PUT ON as our "Belt of Truth"**

But it's **JUST as much** (if not more) the **POSITIVE** Truths

& at the **end of the message** – I **challenged** you about **HOW MANY**  
**Promises of God** you **Could Quote** if you were asked

*(one person took me up – & gave me his list – which I'll use)*

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So – **Let's** take **THAT SUBJECT**

& **let's say** we want to **MEDITATE ON** - **That** Subject  
**We want** to **HIDE** - **That** Subject in our **Heart**

**So First** – we would **ROUND UP Scripture**  
that **Speaks** to that **Subject**

& **then** we would **Learn HOW** to **Meditate** on that **Scripture**  
& **HIDE** it in our **Heart**

**Remember** – I **CAN'T** Teach you  
**how** to **Meditate** & **Hide Scripture** in your heart

**You have** to get **THE FUNDAMENTALS series** to learn that

**But lets See what Happens**

**When** we put a **few scriptures together**  
& **begin** to **allow God** to **CHANGE the Way** we Think

To **“PUT ON”** the **BELT of TRUTH** – You **MUST KNOW**  
the **Absolute Truth** of God’s **Promises**

So **I’m gonna** put a **few Vs’s** on the **Screen**  
& I’m **just going** to **READ** them **Back-to-Back**

**& you don’t have to write them down**

You **can watch** (or listen) **Later** to **get them** all

Or you can **Download the Notes** from the **website**

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**Ok – Ready?**

**These** are a **few** of **God’s Promises** – that we **Must**  
**“PUT ON”** – As Our **BELT OF TRUTH**

**Numbers 23:19**

*19 God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?*

**Romans 4:21**

*God is able to do whatever he promises.*

**Psalms 145:13**

*The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does.*

**Hebrews 10:23**

*God can be trusted to keep his promise.*

**1 Chronicles 16:34**

*God’s faithful love endures forever.*

### **Deuteronomy 4:29**

*if you search for [the Lord] with all your heart and soul, you will find him.*

### **Jeremiah 29:11**

*God's plans for you are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

### **2 Corinthians 1:19–20**

*For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” . . . For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!”*

### **2 Timothy 2:13**

*If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.*

### **James 1:17**

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow [of] change.*

### **2 Peter 1:3–4**

*By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life . . . he has given us great and precious promises . . . that enable [us] to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption . . .*

### **Romans 8:28**

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him . . .*

### **Ephesians 1:14**

*The [Holy] Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people . . .*

### **2 Corinthians 1:3–4**

*God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles . . .*

### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

### **1 John 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

### **Isaiah 61:1–2**

*Jesus Christ came to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted and to set the captives free.*

### **Ephesians 1:3**

*[God has] blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.*

### **Philippians 1:6**

*God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

### **Acts 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.*

**1 John 4:4**

*The Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.*

**John 14:3**

*When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.*

**Matthew 28:20**

*And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

**Hebrews 13:5**

*For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."*

**Psalms 23:6** – *The Lord's goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.*

**Revelation 21:4 – in Heaven**

*[God] will wipe every tear from [our] eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."*

**Psalms 23:1** - *The Lord is my shepherd*

**Psalms 46:1** - *The Lord is my refuge and strength.*

**Psalms 18:2** - *The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior . . . He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.*

**Psalms 71:5** – *The Lord alone is my hope.*

**Psalm 118:14 - *The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.***

**Psalm 27:1 - *The Lord is my light, my salvation, and my fortress.***

**Psalm 121:2 - *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!***

**Psalm 73:26 – *The Lord is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.***

**Psalm 3:3 - *The Lord is a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.***

**Psalm 144:2 *The Lord is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer.***

**& SO - Psalm 89:1 - *I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known His faithfulness to all generations.***

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**Do you need to Tighten Up  
the TRUTH of God's Promises in your LIFE ?**

**Is the Enemy feeding you LIES about  
God's Care - & His Love - & His Promises to you ?**

**Are you Wavering or Vacillating  
about your ASSURANCE of God's Victory in your Life ?**

Then THESE Scriptures - & Many More like them  
Might be just the thing you NEED to Tighten up that Belt

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**As we Go thru ALL of the ARMOR - God has given us  
for Victory in the Spiritual Battle . . .**

**Pls hear me when I say;  
WALKING in the Holy Spirit  
& HIDING the Word in Your Heart . . .**

**Will Continue To Be – the Foundational - SECRETS OF SUCCESS**

**We can TEACH YOU how to do it - &  
We can GIVE YOU scripture lists we've already created**

***Because you have GOT to allow God to transform you  
into a new person - by changing the way we think***

**As Ephesians 6:11 says (esv)  
*11 (So that you can) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may  
be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.***

**Let's Pray**