



## Stand Strong

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Life Change: We Stand in God's Armor

Ephesians 6:10-24

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### The Incredibles...

#### Christians are the Real Incredibles. We:

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Stand for the brethren  
Are meant to use and enjoy our powers  
Need to battle every day  
Should wear our super suits

6:10-18

#### How We Prepare for Battle: Be Strengthened

Know your opponent

Rely on your team

Understand the rivalry

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- Christians will be in spiritual war
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#### How We Execute the Battle: Put On & Stand

By having prepared

By "having put on"

By being sandaled

By taking up

By praying in the Spirit

By being alert

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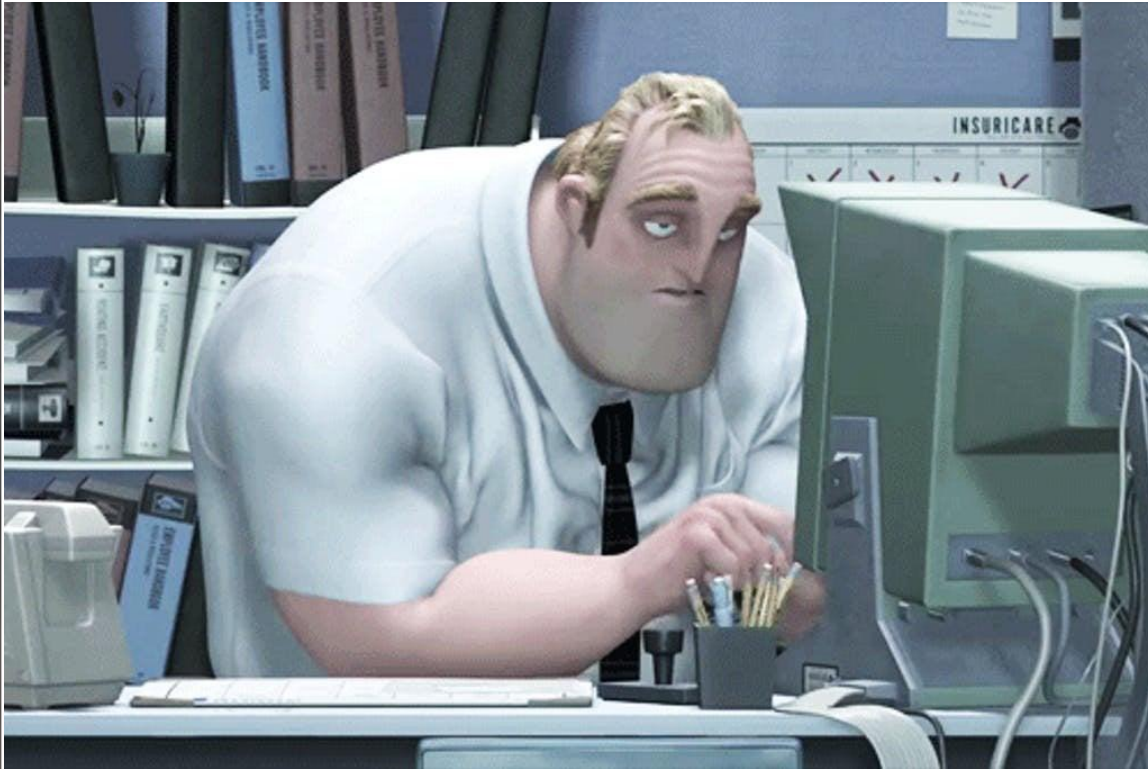
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A close-up of Mr. Incredible from the Pixar movie 'The Incredibles'. He has a wide-eyed, questioning expression on his face, with his mouth slightly open. He is wearing his signature blue superhero suit. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a home or office.

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# philosophy

Calling of the Church in Grace 1:3-3:21  
 Praise to the God of all blessings 1:3-14  
 Prayer for wisdom 1:15-23  
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 Walking in the light 5:3-20  
 Walking in life relationships 5:21-6:20

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# practice







**Ephesians 5:22-33**

**Marriage**

**Ephesians 6:1-4**

**Parent-child**

**Ephesians 5:22-33**

**Work**

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**ἐνδυναμοῦσθε endynamousthe = to be empowered, in a passive form**



**If you know others and know yourself,  
you will not be imperiled in a hundred  
battles. – Sun Tzu, *The Art of War***



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**Paul dashes any silly notion of independent victory when he describes the character of our greatest enemies. They are not ‘flesh and blood,’ but a host of evil spirits directed by the devil himself and sent out to war against the saints...whether you like it or not, you must go into the ring against Satan. He has not only general malice against the army of saints, but a particular spite against every single child of God.”**



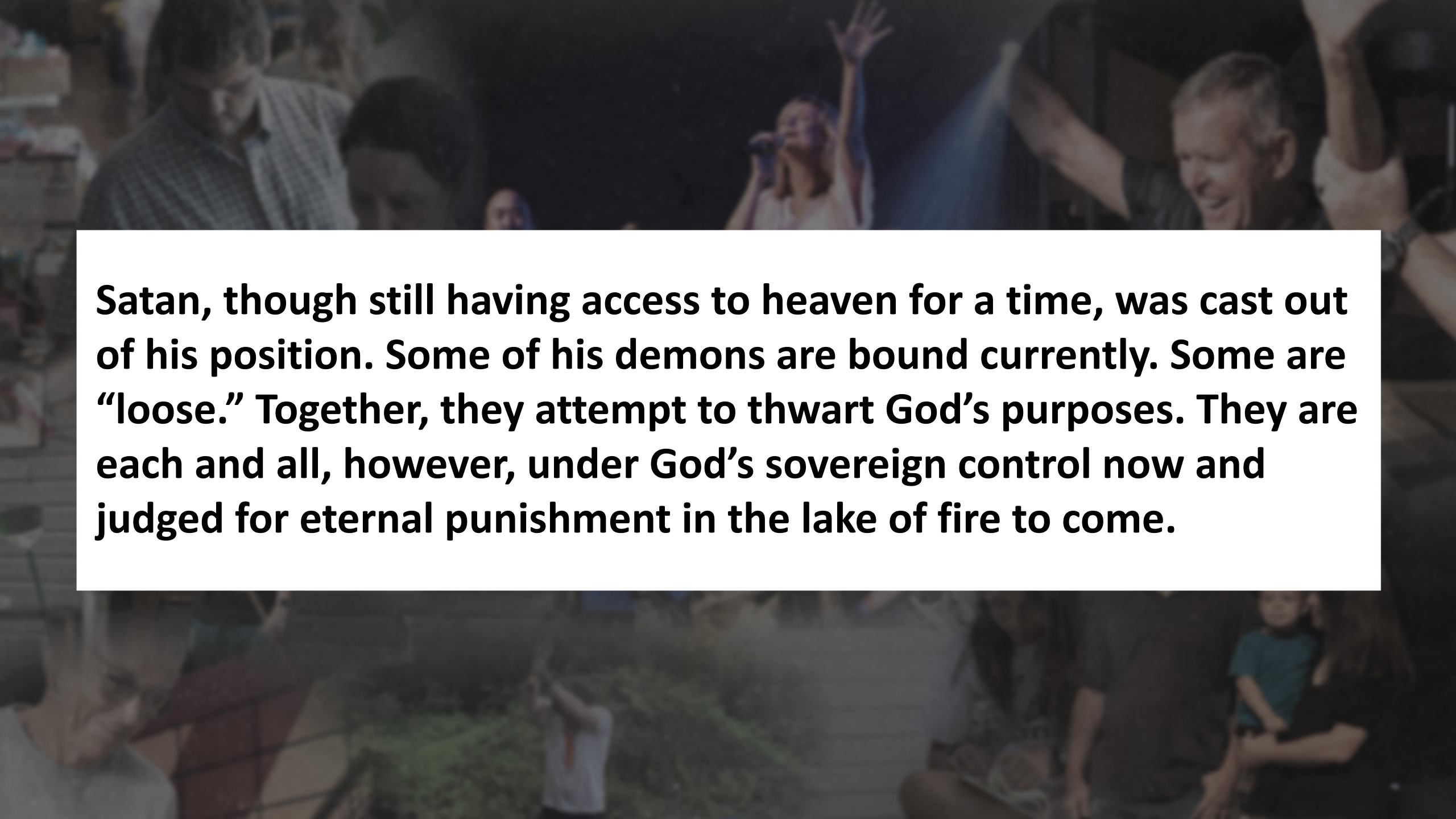
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## **The enemy's titles:**

- **Lucifer (Son of the morning)**
- **Satan (adversary)**
- **Belial (worthless, destruction)**
- **Devil (slanderer)**
- **Tempter**
- **God of this age**
- **Accuser of the brethren**
- **Angel of light (a disguise)**
- **Dragon**
- **Prince of the demons**





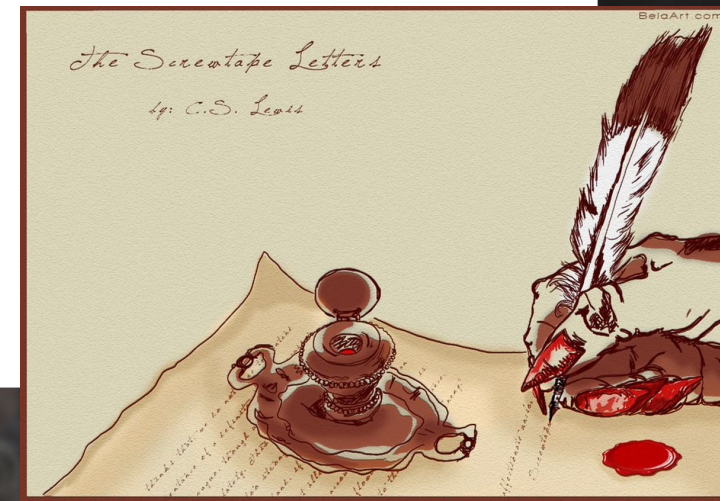


**Satan, though still having access to heaven for a time, was cast out of his position. Some of his demons are bound currently. Some are “loose.” Together, they attempt to thwart God’s purposes. They are each and all, however, under God’s sovereign control now and judged for eternal punishment in the lake of fire to come.**


## **Satan & demons can, do, and will:**

- **Make humans ill.**
- **Control humans & animals. (The Greek term “demonization” is better than the English word “possession.”)**
- **Disseminate false doctrine.**
- **Blind non-Christians.**
- **Deceive people & nations, especially prompting persecutions of Christians.**
- **Bring the nations to the Battle of Armageddon.**
- **Tempt Christians to lies, immorality, self-righteousness and other sins.**

**My Dear Wormwood,  
Be sure that the patient remains completely fixated on politics.  
Arguments, political gossip, and obsessing on the faults of people they  
have never met serves as an excellent distraction from advancing in  
personal virtue [and] character...Make sure to keep the patient in a  
constant state of angst, frustration and general disdain towards the rest  
of the human race in order to avoid any kind of charity or inner peace  
from further developing. Ensure that the patient continues to believe  
that the problem is "out there" in the "broken system" rather than  
recognizing there is a problem with himself.  
Uncle Screwtape – C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters***





A group of people, including a man with his arms raised in celebration, in a dimly lit setting. The background is dark and out of focus, showing several individuals in various poses, some appearing to be in a social or celebratory gathering.

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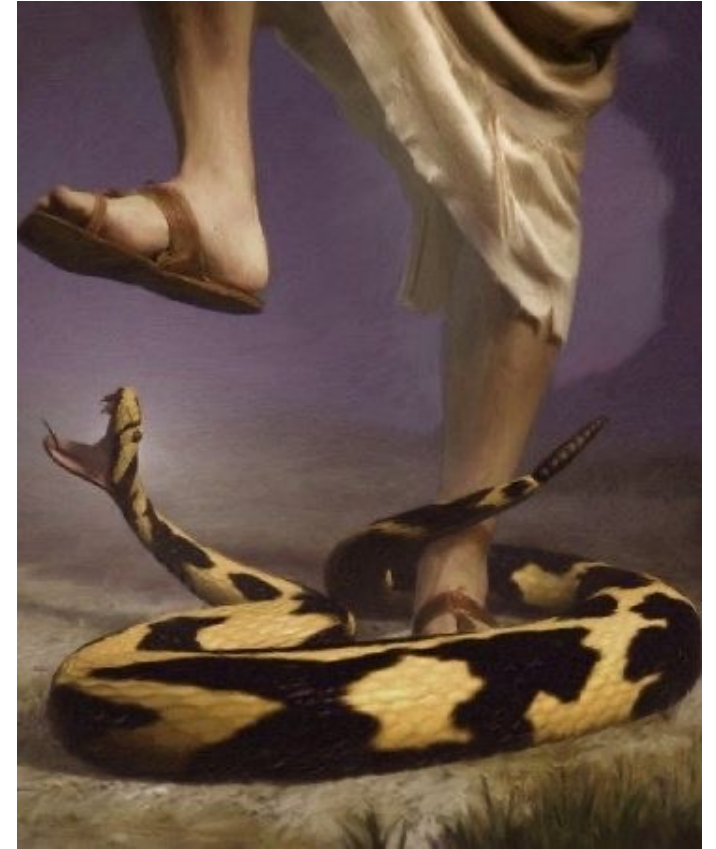
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**<sup>13</sup> Now some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists also attempted to pronounce the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I command you by the Jesus that Paul preaches!” <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish high priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup> The evil spirit answered them, “I know Jesus, and I recognize Paul—but who are you?” <sup>16</sup> Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them, overpowered them all, and prevailed against them, so that they ran out of that house naked and wounded.**

**Acts 19 CSB**

**Why does Satan so hate us?**

**It all comes down to what Satan knows is planned – Jesus will be triumphant, and God the Father will be praised. Christians play a role in each of those, and it galls the enemy.**



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**[This is] a war between the Saint and Satan. And it is such a bloody one that the cruelest war ever fought by men will be seen as but sport and child's play compared to this. [Note – he wrote this after seeing the English Civil War and the wicked persecutions levied against the Puritans.] It is a spiritual war...a war now going on – the tragedy is present with us. And it is not taking place at the farthest end of the world; it concerns you and everyone who reads of it.**



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**What are the specifics involved in putting on God's armor and standing strong?**



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**10** as a plan for the right time—to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him.

**11** In him we have also received an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of his will.



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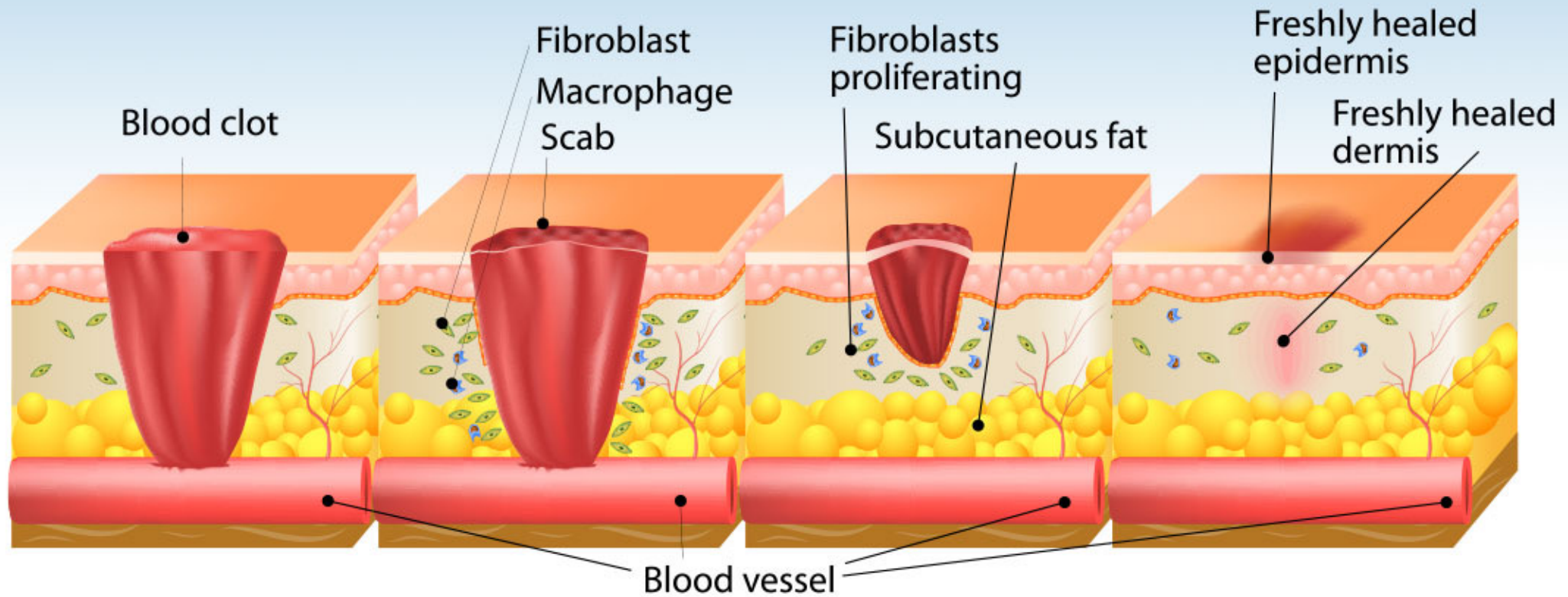


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# Stages of Wound Healing



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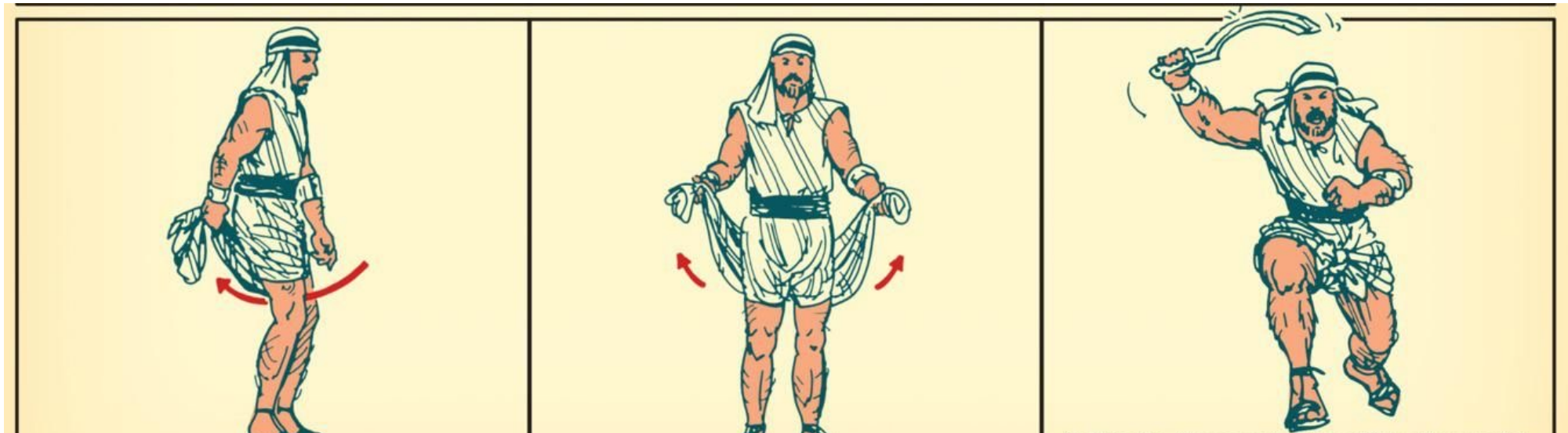
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**Imputed**


**6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.**

**Gen 15 CSB**

**Imparted**

**8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives...<sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and so *is* God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers.**

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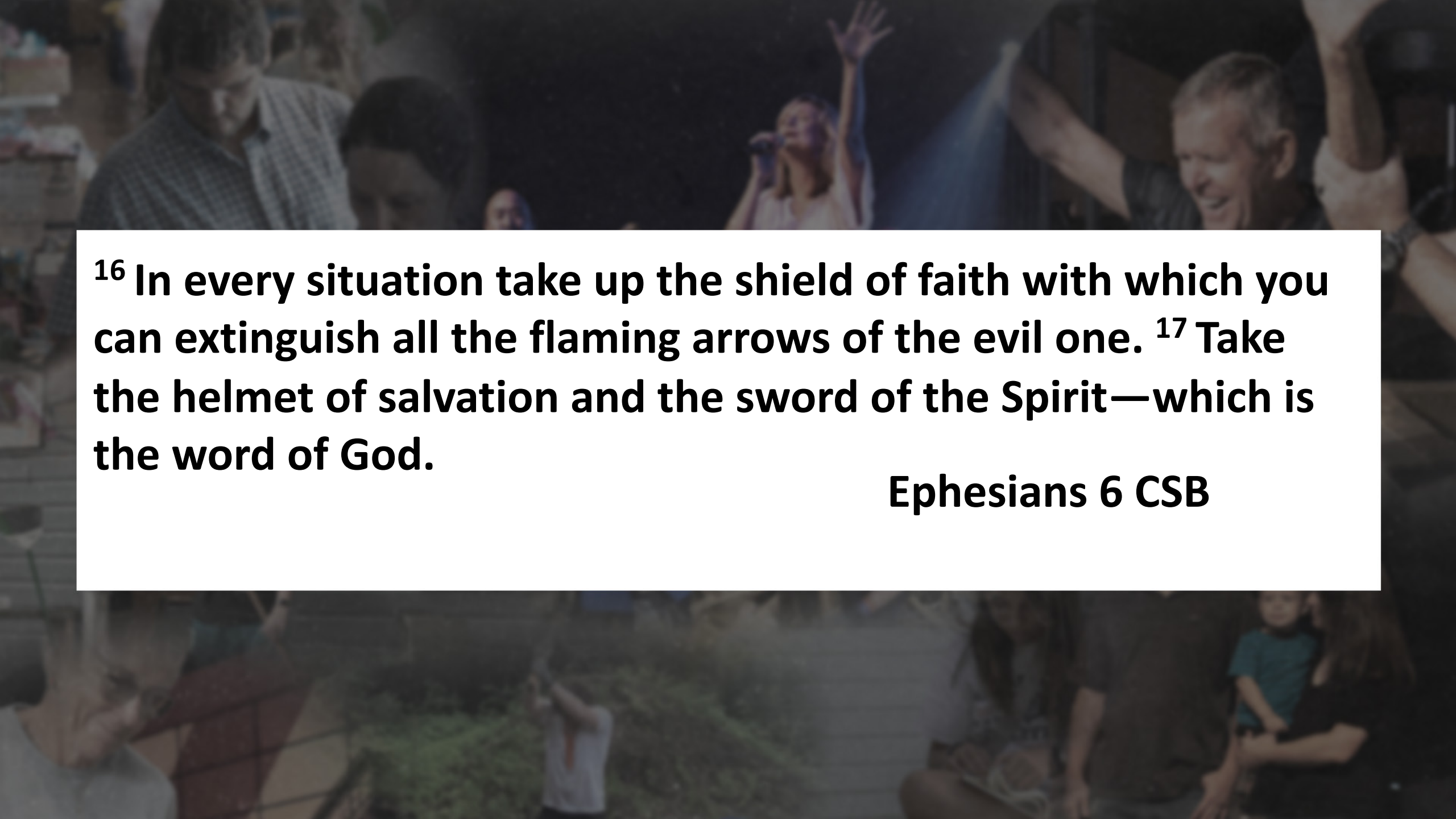
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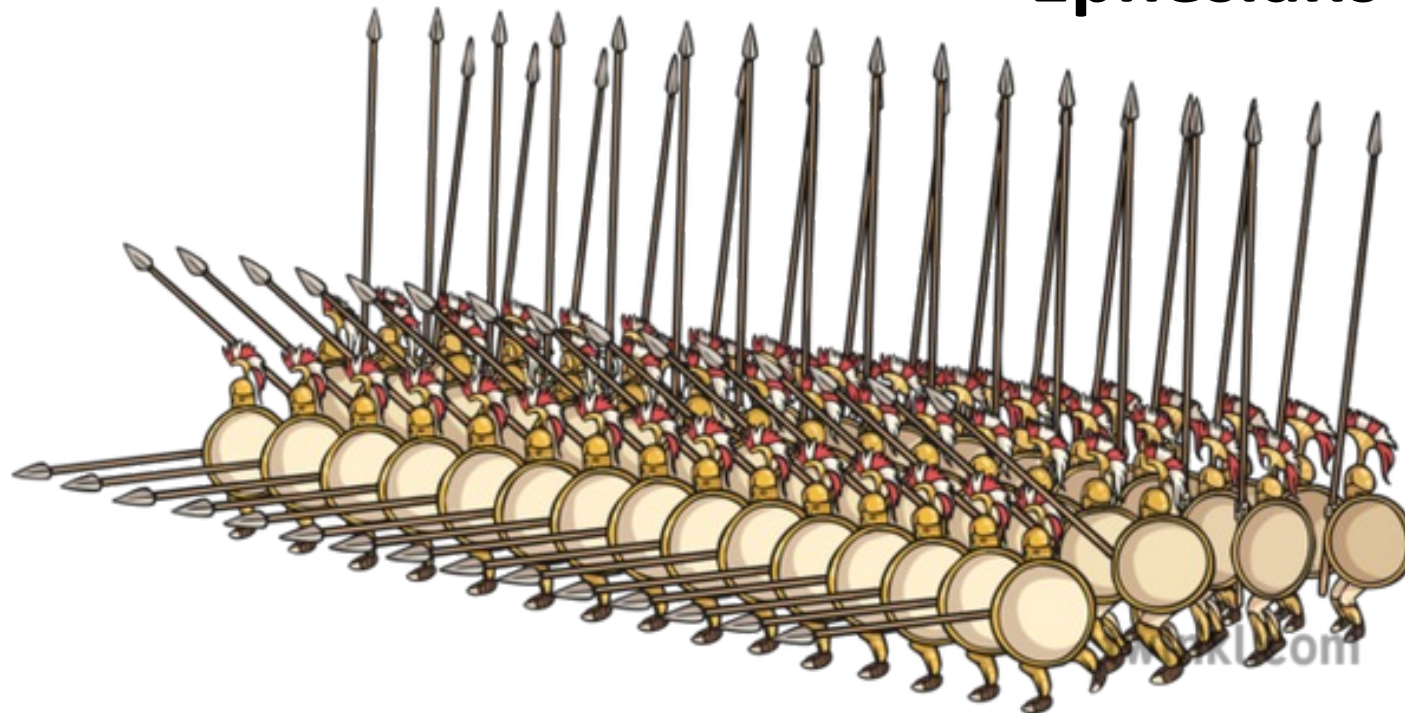
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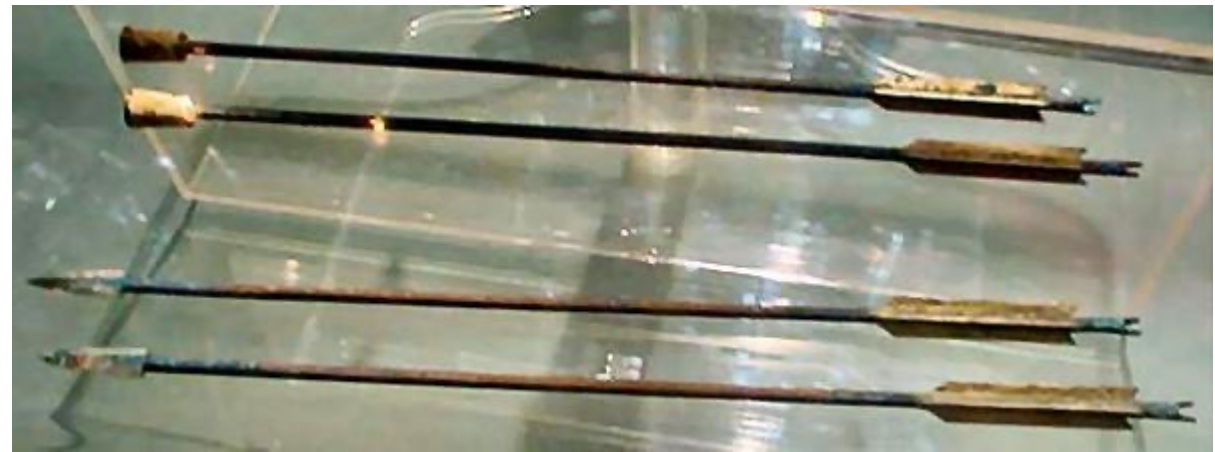
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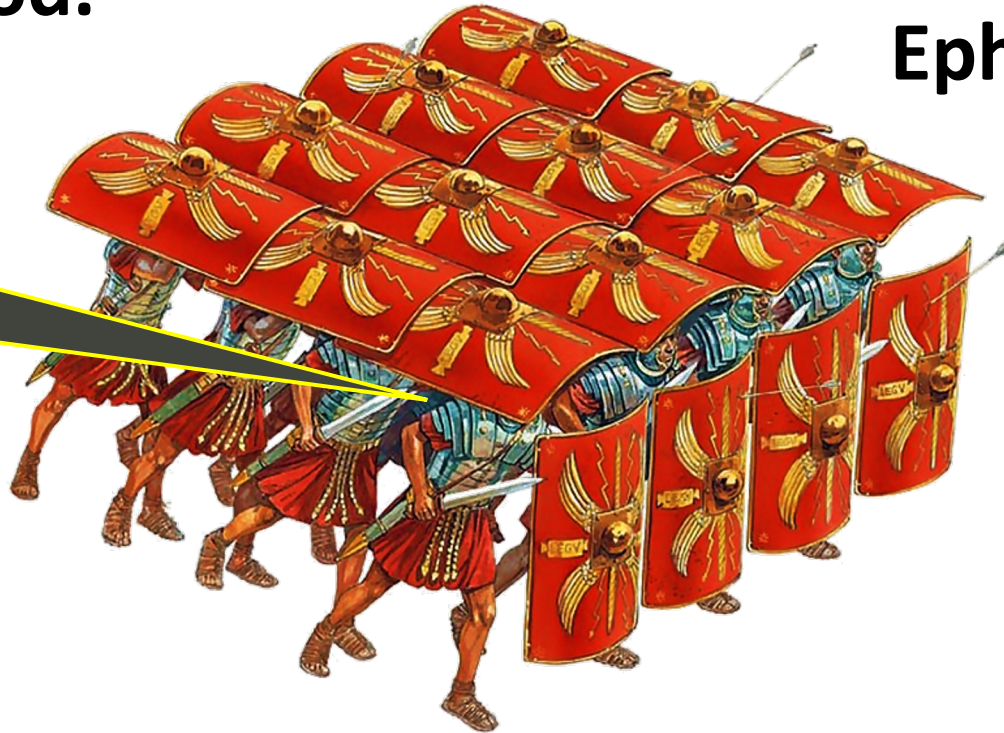




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# ARMOR OF GOD

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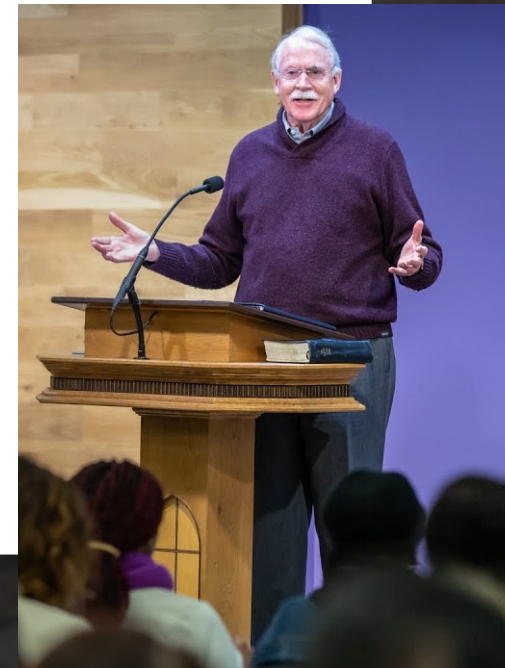




***Triple self-portrait***  
**Norman Rockwell**  
**1960**



**For our spiritual protection, Paul tells us to, “*Take the helmet of salvation ...*” (Ephesians 6:17). Acquiring a false helmet is embarrassing for anyone, but it can be eternally fatal if it is a false helmet of salvation. The world offers many “false helmets” of salvation; only accept the authentic equipment provided by God through the true gospel that Paul distilled for the Corinthians. “*By this gospel you are saved... Christ died for our sins...he was buried, he was raised on the third day...and he appeared to more than 500!*” (I Corinthians 15:2-6) – Dan Bolin**

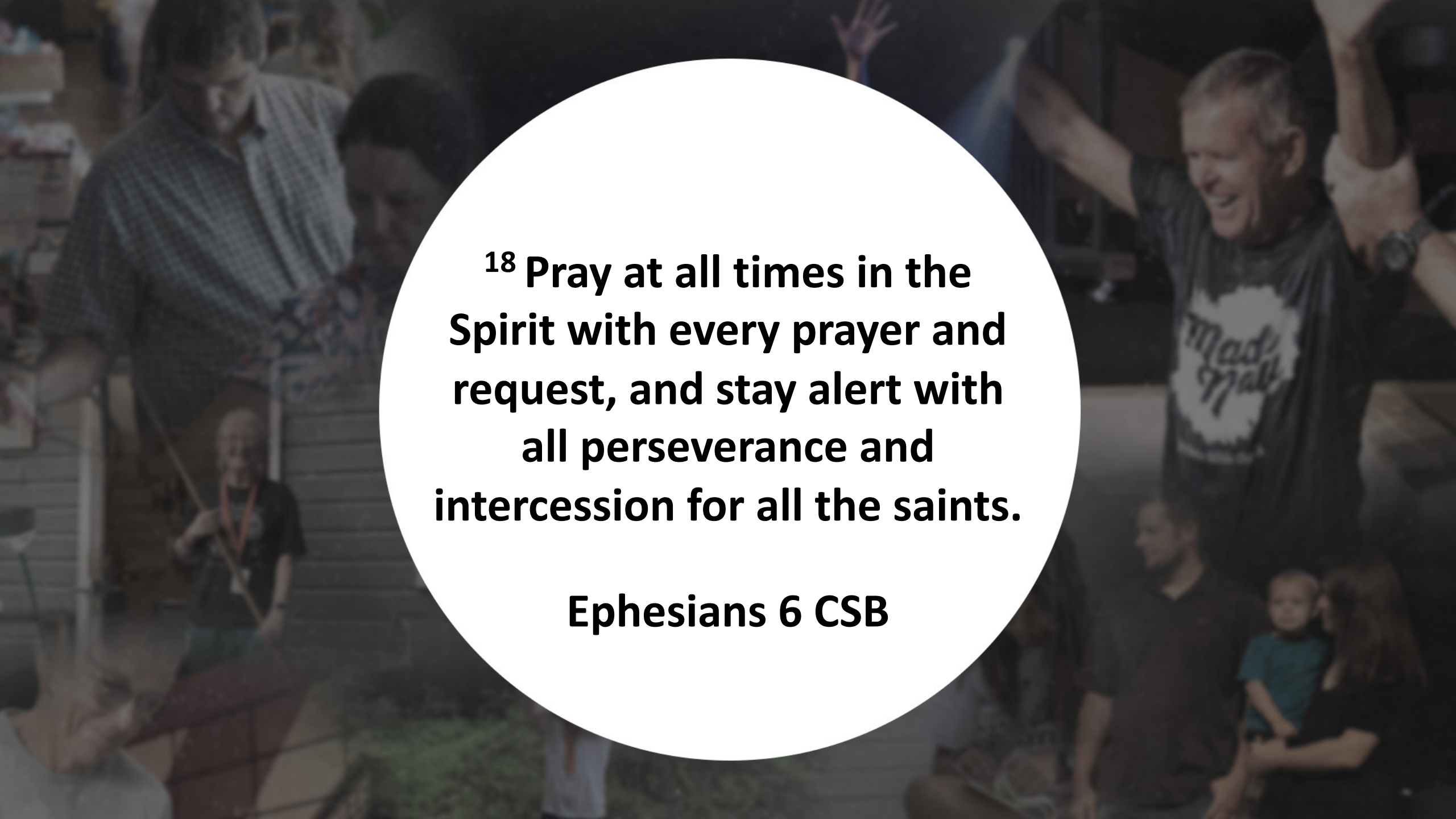


## Popular false armor:

- Helmet – *earned* salvation
- Shield – government
- Sword – cherry-picked verses
- Breastplate – imparted righteousness confused with imputed
- Girded – *my* truth
- Sandaled – conflict & darkness devoid of good news



***Triple self-portrait***  
**Norman Rockwell**  
**1960**

A group of people, including men, women, and children, are gathered in what appears to be a church or community center. Some are standing, some are sitting, and some have their hands raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The scene is dimly lit, with a large white circle overlaid in the center, containing text. The background shows people of various ages and ethnicities, some looking towards the camera and others looking away.

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**1:13 You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when believed.**

**1:14 The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance.**

**2:18 For through him [the Son] we both [Jew & Gentile] have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

**2:22 You are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit.**

**3:5 [God's plan] is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.**

**3:16 I pray that [you are] strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit.**



**4:3 Keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**

**4:4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling—**

**4:30 Don't grieve God's Holy Spirit.**

**5:18 Don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit:**


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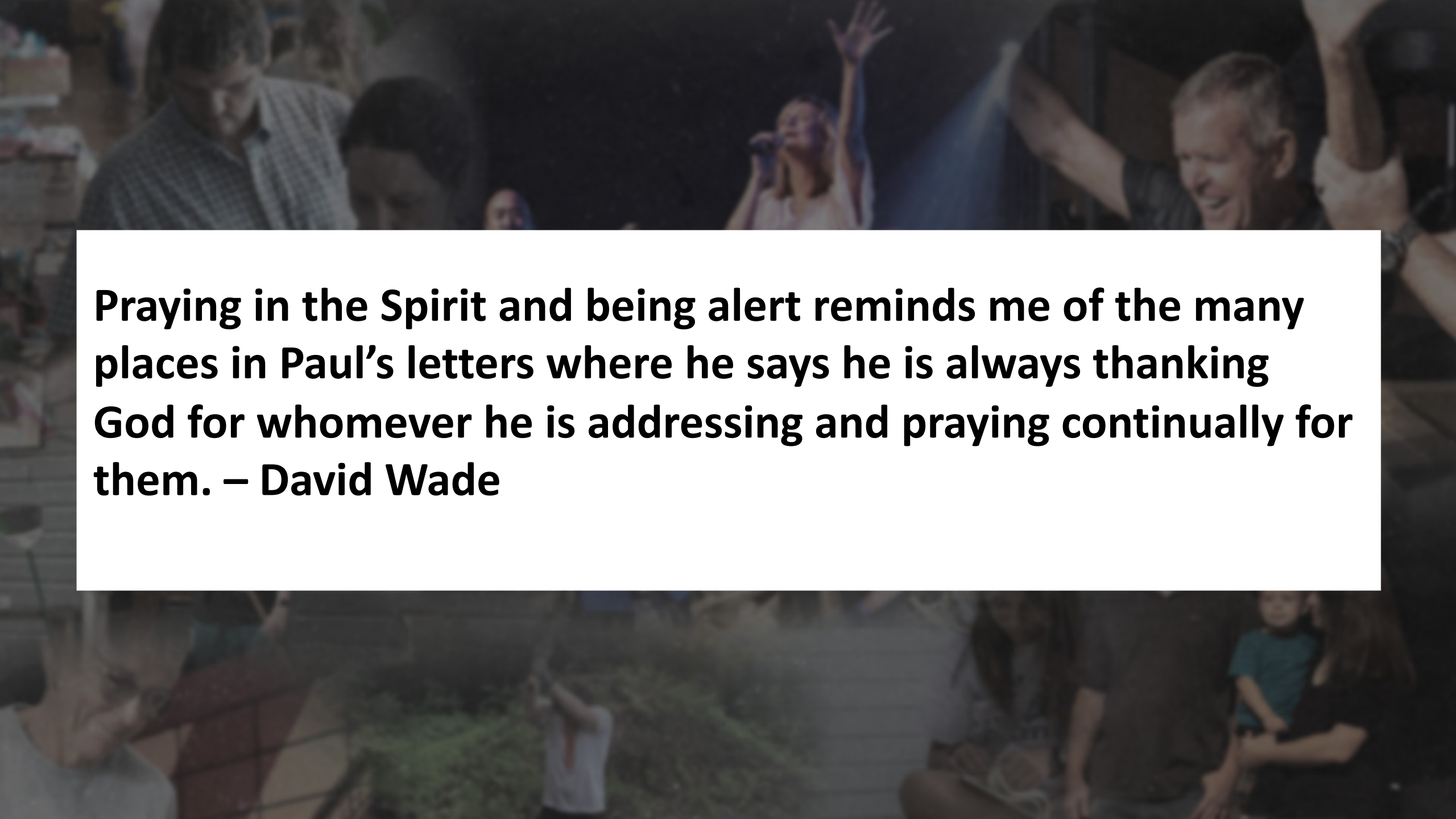


**By context, praying in the Spirit means:  
praying scripture (6:17),  
yielded to God (5:18),  
in unity with all brethren (4:3-4, 2:22, 2:18),  
strengthened internally by God (3:16),  
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**Praying in the Spirit and being alert reminds me of the many places in Paul's letters where he says he is always thanking God for whomever he is addressing and praying continually for them. – David Wade**

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courtesy Pastor Samson

**Never forget that God is our perfect guide in life. His strength overcomes our weaknesses. His grace fills our emptiness. His presence overcomes our loneliness. His shoulders carry us through life's difficulties.**

**– Pastor Samson**





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**How we prepare for & execute battles:**

- **Remember our divinely granted ability to stand against evil.**
- **Stand for family & friends.**
- **Use and enjoy our powers.**
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