

Book Club—2
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Your Story Has a Villain

... the god of this world ... 2 Corinthians 4:4 ESV

... greater is He who is in [us] than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4 NASB

One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” ¹⁶Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

Acts 19:15-16 NIV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:10-13 NIV

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist ...

Ephesians 6:14 NIV

1. Walking in Truth

... with the breastplate of righteousness in place ...

Ephesians 6:14 NIV

2. Acting in Righteousness

... and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. Ephesians 6:15 NIV

3. Ready With the Gospel

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:16 NIV

4. Firm in Faith

... Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith ...

1 Peter 5:8-9 NIV

“... Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. ...” Luke 22:31-32 CSB

... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4 KJV

Take the helmet of salvation ... Ephesians 6:17 NIV

5. Aware of Your Salvation

... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 NIV

6. Responding With the Word

“... anyone who looks ... lustfully has already committed adultery ... in his heart.” Matthew 5:28 NIV

“I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman.” Job 31:1 NIV

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

... casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7 ESV

“Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

Matthew 6:27 NIV

“... he will never leave you nor forsake you. ...”

Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV

“... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 NIV

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Ephesians 6:18 NIV

7. Engaged in Prayer

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Ephesians 6:13-18**. What stands out to you in this Scripture? How does this impact how you think about spiritual warfare?

Talk about some ways you can put on the armor of God. What steps will you take this week?

Share about an area in your life where you feel attacked. How can your LifeGroup support you?

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