

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Ephesians 6:10-18

Discussion/Journal Questions

Share with each other a joyful moment you have had recently.

Have two or three people read Ephesians 6:10-18 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

Read Hebrews 11:1 and James 2:17. In your own words, how would you define faith?

In the sermon, Pastor John described faith as the marriage of our heart, our heads, and our hands. What happens when you take any one of these three out of the picture?

What are some examples of the fiery arrows of the devil? How have you encountered these in your life?

Read 1 Peter 4:12-13. How might fiery trials refine us rather than destroy us?

Read Mark 9:23-24. Do you resonate with this father's level of faith and belief? How does Jesus respond to the man?

Roman soldiers would use their shields to protect themselves and their fellow soldiers. How does this resemble the church?

What fiery arrows are you facing lately? How can you group pray for and rally with you?