



Bible study for the week starting August 13, 2023

SHARE

What's your comfort level regarding safety equipment? Do you wear a bicycle helmet? Seatbelt? Do you drive a car with airbags? The world is a "safer" place than when we were kids, right? What's our purpose in taking all these safety precautions?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **1 Samuel 17:31-37** (feel free to read more verses for context). Maybe this isn't the right passage for the Armor of God, because David's armor didn't fit, and he went without it. Maybe he didn't have a helmet, but what made David well-equipped for battle?
2. Read **John 14:1-6**. One of our main themes for this message was "truth." What do we hear in Scripture about God's relationship with the truth? Mankind's complicated relationship with the truth is nothing new; what did Pilate so famously say? How do you see this playing out today?
3. Read **Ephesians 6:10-20** (see also **2 Tim. 2:4, Heb. 12:1, John 17:17, Rom. 3:10**). What do we learn in these verses about our enemy/opposition?
4. What do we learn in these verses about God's goals in equipping us in His armor?
5. How does your daily life display the importance of truth and righteousness as defensive armor in your life?

PRAY

Pray that God would bless you with faithfulness in the little, daily, mundane things, so that your character is cultivated for the times you are truly challenged.



Belt of Truth + Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:10-20

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The “why:” “That you may be able to **STAND** against the schemes of the **DEVIL**” (Ephesians 6:11).

You are fighting on the **FRONT LINES**.

“Stand therefore, having fastened on the **BELT** of **TRUTH...**” (Ephesians 6:14a)

- 1) Worn even when **OFF DUTY**.
- 2) Keeps lies from **ENTANGLING** us.

“...Put on the **BREASTPLATE** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS...**” (Ephesians 6:14b)

- 1) **IDENTIFIES** us before others; and
- 2) Protects the **HEART**.

YOU can't win this fight against Satan alone, but our God is **STRONGER**.

For next week, read Isaiah 52:6-7, Ephesians 4:1-7, Matthew 21:28-32.