

# **BATTLE READY: Stand Your Ground (Part Two)**

## ***The Breastplate of Righteousness***

**Ephesians 6:10-14**

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### **ACCESS GOD'S STRENGTH BY STRAPPING ON YOUR B.O.R.**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil...Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and **having put on the breastplate of righteousness...***  
(Ephesians 6:10-14)

#### **A. Walking with God requires His strength**

*Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous... (Joshua 1:6-7)*

*And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God."*

(Revelation 12:10)

## **B. Understand your B.O.R.**

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

*And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Revelation 12:11)*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16)*

*But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:20-24)*

### **C. Living without a B.O.R.**

*For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

(Matthew 5:20)

*I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. (Galatians 2:21)*

*No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. (1 John 3:9)*

### **D. Strap it on**

*...be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith. (Philippians 3:9)*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17)*

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)*

*Today, I receive the strength of God's might by taking up the whole armor of God.*

*I fasten on the belt of truth as I choose to walk in truth before God and man.*

*I put on the breastplate of righteousness as I receive right standing before God through Jesus' love and sacrifice for me.*

**NEXT WEEK: BATTLE READY – Shoes for Your Feet**  
(Ephesians 6:15)

**TRAIN READING PLAN – April 29-May 5**

- Psalm 42; Luke 17
- Psalm 43; Luke 18
- Psalm 44; Luke 19
- Psalm 45; Luke 20
- Psalm 46; Luke 21

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