

BATTLE READY: Stand Your Ground (Part One)

The Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6:10-14

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ADOPT A FIGHTER'S MENTALITY

Fight the good fight of the faith. (1 Timothy 6:12)

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. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (vv. 10-13)

TAKE UP THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth... (v. 14)

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence... (2 Peter 1:3)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves... But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. (James 1:22-25)

INTEGRITY: AN ESSENTIAL WEAPON

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Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. (John 14:21)

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:4-5)

BUCKLE UP

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10)

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:24)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind... (Romans 12:2)

<p>NEXT WEEK: BATTLE READY - The Breastplate of Righteousness (Ephesians 6:14)</p>

TRAIN MEMORY VERSE ~ April

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4)

TRAIN READING PLAN – April 15-21

- Psalm 37; Luke 7
- Psalm 38; Luke 8
- Psalm 39; Luke 9
- Psalm 40; Luke 10
- Psalm 41; Luke 11

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