



## **Ephesians 6:12-13, 1 Samuel 17:1-50, Matthew 4:1-11**

*"Saul's Armor Won't Help!"*

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### **Consult the Scriptures:**

**Ephesians 6:10-13 (see also v. 14)**

**1 Samuel 17:1-50 (See also 1 Chron. 21:1-17)**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

*(See also: Gen. 3:1, 1:31, Col. 1:15-17, 2 Pet. 2:4, Jude 5-6,  
Rev. 12:7-9, 17, Is. 14:12-15, Eph. 1:3-14, 5:15-16)*

### **Discuss:**

1. What is one of the worst falls you have experienced? What was the result? Looking back, what could you have done to prevent the fall? How does this relate to Sunday's sermon?
2. Standing (i.e. rising) and falling are thematic in Scripture. Can you identify a few examples of each? Gen. 3 provides us with the prototypical fall in Scripture. Read it and discuss.
3. Pastor Patrick spoke concerning the origin of Satan. What stood out to you? What questions do you still have?

4. Read 1 Chronicles 21:1-17 and 1 Samuel 17:1-50 and discuss. What differences do we see in David between these two texts? Can you identify a similar contrast from your own life?
5. Read Ephesians 6:10-13 and discuss. Pastor Patrick contrasted King Saul's armor (1 Sam. 17) with that of God's armor. What do you see as the key difference(s)? How might this apply to our lives?
6. Read Matthew 4:1-11 and discuss. Can you identify any of the pieces of armor from Eph. 6 in Jesus' battle with the devil in Matt. 4:1-11? In the life of Christ, can you think of other stories or examples of Jesus dressed in the armor of God Himself?
7. Author Neil Anderson refers to Satan as a "toothless lion"<sup>1</sup> (in reference to 1 Pet. 5:8). What did he mean? How is it that the devil is rendered "toothless?"
8. Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and rehearse what is TRUE about you "in Christ."
9. What challenged you with this week's sermon? What questions do you still have? What's your next move?

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<sup>1</sup> *Living Free in Christ*, 1993, p. 87.