

This Present Darkness Armor Up

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: The Bible is a love story, but the setting is war. Every follower of Jesus that is not equipped to engage in spiritual warfare is likely already losing. It's time to know your enemy, know your authority, and awaken to the reality that you are feared in hell.

Ephesians 6:10-12 (ESV)

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A <u>defeated</u> opponent can still be a <u>dangerous</u> opponent.

Armor Up: Ephesians 6:13-20 (ESV)

- Belt of Truth: Everything in my life is anchored in God's will and ways.
- Breastplate of Righteousness: I am complete in Christ, no more **Condemnation**.
- Shoes of Peace: I will stand firm & advance God's Kingdom everywhere I go.
- Shield of Faith: God loves me, He is with me, and He is for me.
- Helmet of Salvation: I take every thought <u>captive</u> to the obedience of Jesus.
- Sword of the Spirit: I use God's Word against the enemy's <u>schemes</u>.
- Flashbang of Intersession: When attacked, I will pray for other Gospel partners.

No one struggles alone! We fight our battles as one.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- **2)** Read Ephesians 6:10-12. What kinds of spiritual warfare do you experience most often? How often do you think about the enemy's schemes and how they target your walk?
- **3)** Read Ephesians 6:13-17. What is your experience in taking advantage of and utilizing The Armor of God? Which pieces of the Armor most resonate with how the enemy attack's you?
- **4)** Read Ephesians 6:18-20. How has your prayer life, especially intersession for other believers who are spreading the Gospel, assisted in your defense against spiritual darkness? Is this a practice you can commit to?
- **5)** Are you committed to participate in SEEK WEEK? What will you fast? Will you memorize the Armor of God and the Prayer of Protection?