

Ephesians 6:10-15

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

1 Peter 5:5-10

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.



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PUTTING ON THE ARMOR

- It's **DAILY TRUST** in God.

GETTING READY

1. Put on **HUMILITY** towards one **ANOTHER**.
2. Why? Because God **OPPOSES** the proud.
3. Put on humility towards **GOD**.

GETTING UNDER

1. Remain under God's **PROTECTION**.
2. Remain under the **PRESSURE** he's allowing.
3. **SUBMISSION** to God is grounded in his **LOVING** care.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE PEACE WITH GOD

- You are able to be **ALERT** and **SOBER** minded.
- But you have an **ENEMY**, the devil.

WHEN YOU ARE PREPARED

- You can **RESIST** and **STAND FIRM**.
- Someone is going through the **SAME** thing; you are not **ALONE**.
- Someone is going through something **WORSE**; so get some **PERSPECTIVE**.
- You know that God will restore you in the **PRESENT**.
- You know that God will restore you in the **ETERNAL** future.

“You must remain faithful to Jesus Christ, in spite of your social condition and its potential dangers, by living **OBEDIENTLY** and in **COMMUNITY** with one another.”



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GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, **was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, inspired or confused you?**

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Ephesians 6:10-15 describes the purpose of the whole armor of God, and then specifically the first three pieces of the armor. Verse 11 says: *11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

What are some of the "devil's schemes" in your life and in the world?

3. **Read 1 Peter 5:5-10**, a passage that is an application of having put on the **shoes of readiness** that comes from the gospel of peace. If you have *peace with God*, then you'll be ready and prepared for something specific. **How does humbling yourself (verse 6), and casting your anxiety on God (verse 7), make you "alert" and of "sober mind" (verse 8)?**

GETTING PERSONAL

4. **What do you think it looks like for you to be "alert and of sober mind", practically and spiritually in your life?**

5. **How does know that other Christians are suffering the same sorts of things as you help you to RESIST the devil, and STAND FIRM?**

BRINGING IT HOME

6. **Does 1 Peter 5:10 give you hope? If so, how?**

7. **What is one way you'd like to take action based on this week's sermon?**

Or...

What is one thing the Holy Spirit is leading you to do?

PRAY TOGETHER