

EPHESIANS

Early Warnings

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-14
1 Peter 5:8

Put on your armour (v 11, 13)

Stand firm (v 11, 13-14)

Know the enemy's schemes (v 11, 13)
(2 Cor 11:3, Eph 5:17)

Prerequisite

How do I begin a relationship with Jesus Christ?

- A. Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and that you need Him in your life.

John 14:6, "*I [Jesus] am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me.*"

- B. Be willing to turn from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, decide to live according to His Word; honour Jesus Christ by how you live your life. (Repentance)

1 John 1:9, "*If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*"

- C. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and accept His payment on your behalf.

John 3:16, "*For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*"

- D. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life. Expect the Holy Spirit to live with you, live in you and give you power to live His way.

This prayer enables you to live eternally with Christ in heaven:

Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and that I need your forgiveness for my sin. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins personally and I trust in You alone to save me. I choose to turn away from the things in my life that Your word (the Bible) says are wrong. I surrender my life to you and commit to follow Your ways and Your word. I invite You to come and reign and rule in my heart and life and open my spirit. Establish your presence within me. I want to know the power of the Holy Spirit working in me and live forever with you in the kingdom of God. I choose to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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Ephesians 6:10-14

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...

1. Put on your armour

- Human armour is used to protect people's bodies from getting hurt. God's armour protects people's minds and spirits from getting tricked or hurt by the enemy.
- Paul says in Ephesians that we have to put our armour on and never take it off!

2. Stand firm

- When we think of soldiers in armour, we often picture them running into battle. God tell us something different in the Bible. He says to stand firm – to stand still.
- Think about a game of hide and seek. If you run around after the seeker has counted, you are an easy target! God wants us to be with Him and stay still in His presence. He will do the fighting for us.

3. Know the enemy's schemes

- How do we know when something is right or wrong? Our parents, friends and family tell us! When we read our Bible and know God's truth, we can spot a lie really easily.
- The best way to know the enemy's schemes is to know God's word!

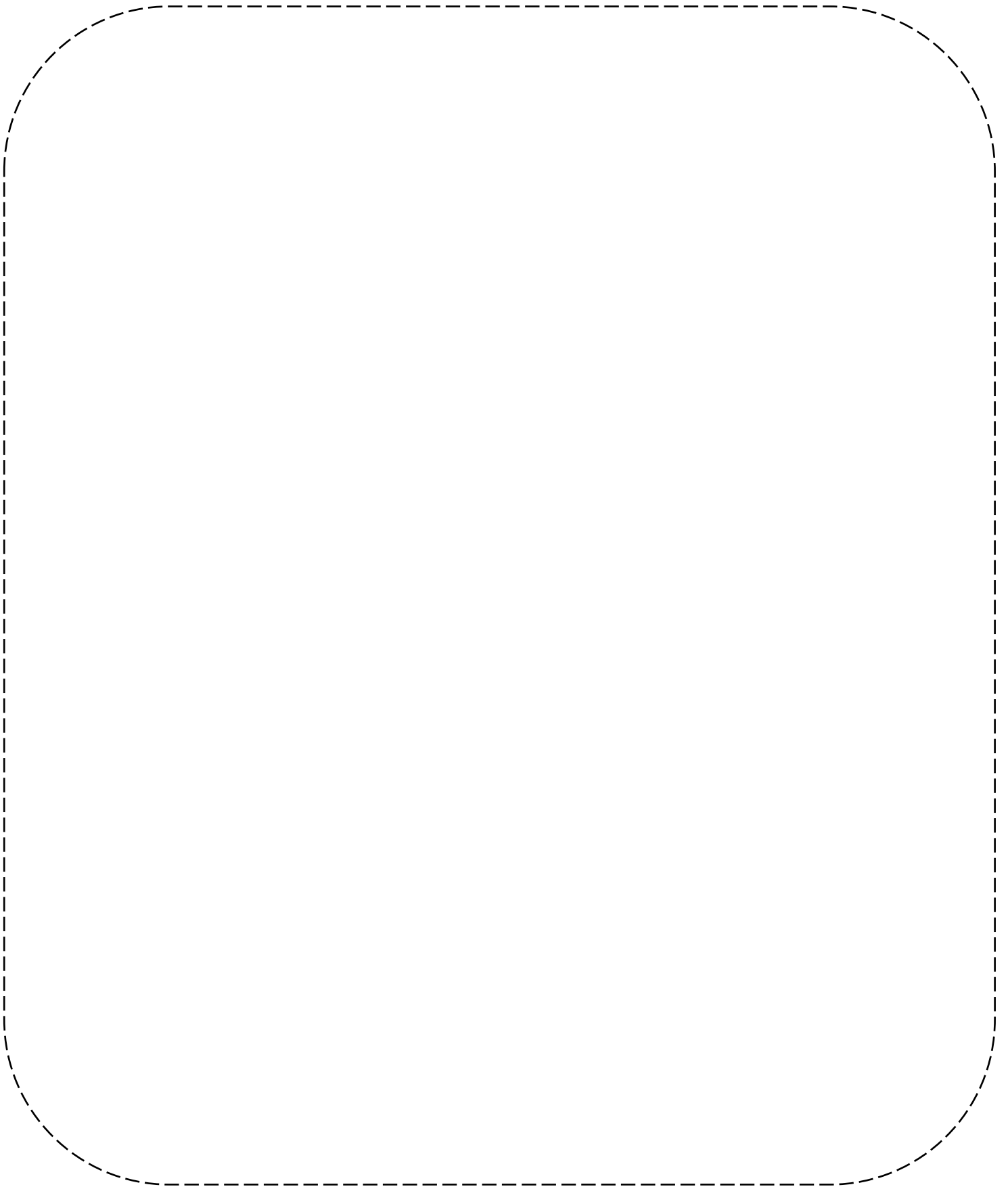
4. Prerequisite

- God loves us and wants to protect us. But first, we need to accept Jesus and His sacrifice for us.
- If you want to do that today, go to the Family Challenge section to see how to begin a relationship with Jesus.

Questions to ask as a family.

1. Have you ever put on the armour of God? Why or why not?
2. How do you feel about standing firm and letting God fight the battle for you?

Draw a picture of what you learned today.



Family Challenge

This week Pastor Al talked about putting on the armour of God. The first step in doing that is to accept Jesus into your life. If you think you're ready to take that step, talk with your family and walk through the steps below together.

1. **God loves you!** Even before you were born, God loved you and created you to know Him. But we are all separated from our holy God by sin. God found a way to bring us back to Him in relationship through the gift He gave us—His Son Jesus.

Questions to discuss:

What is sin? Have you sinned? Why is sin a problem?

2. **God gave us this incredible gift!** Jesus died on the cross for you and for me to pay for all our sins. He rose three days later to conquer sin and death and make a way for us to know God. He is alive!

Questions to discuss:

What gift did God give us? Why would God give us His most precious gift? What did Jesus do for us?

3. **Believe in Jesus.** To know God, we need to accept this gift by believing in and trusting Jesus and deciding to follow Him for our whole life.

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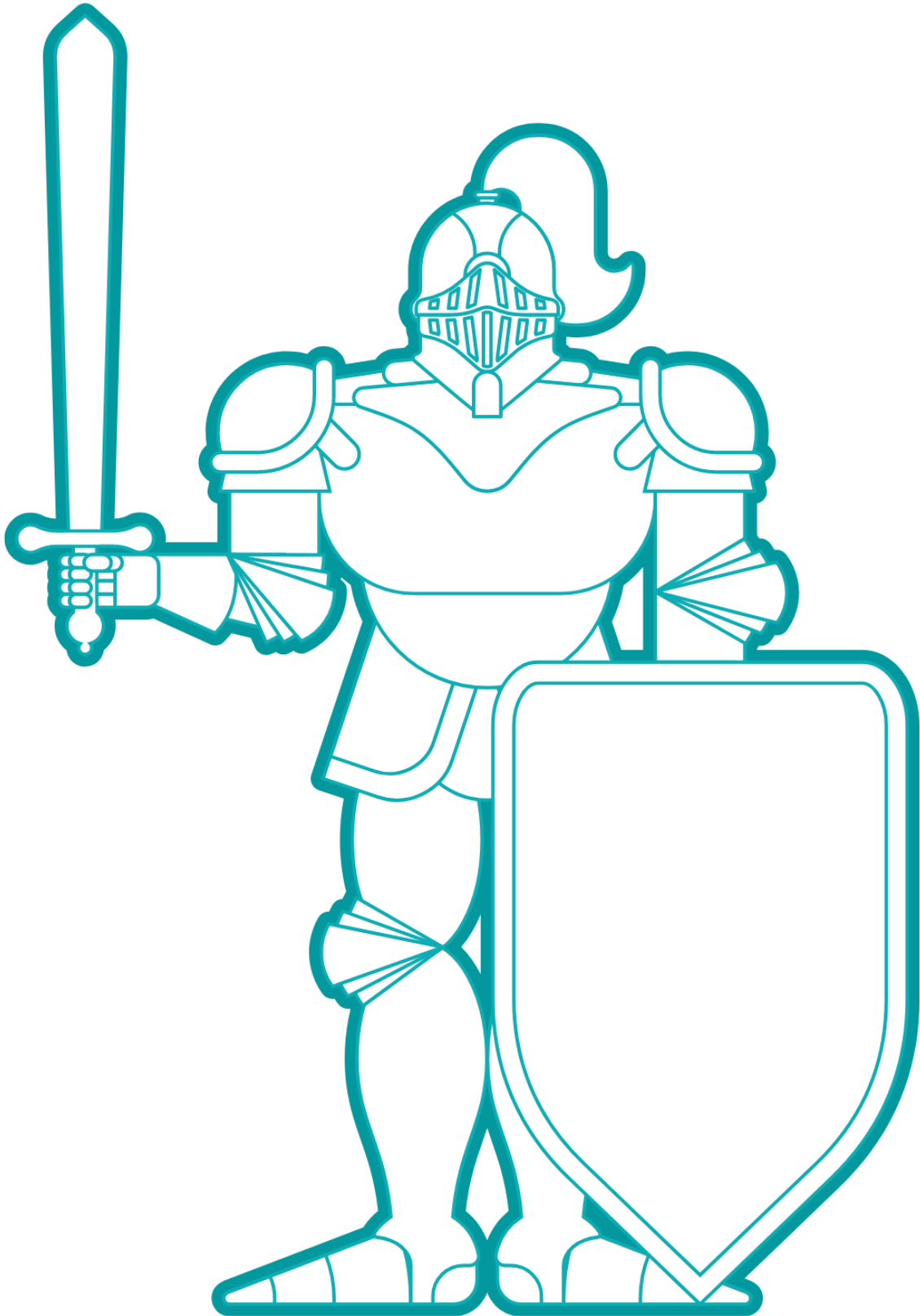
How do we accept this gift? What does it mean to trust Jesus?

If you want to accept this gift, talk to God in a simple prayer:

- Admit that you are a sinner and be willing to turn away from your sin.
- Ask the Lord for forgiveness of your sin.
- Believe in your heart that Jesus is God's Son who died for you and rose again.
- Express your need to Jesus for Him to be in your life as your Lord (He's in charge) and your Saviour (He has saved you).

STAND FIRM!

This week Pastor Al talked about standing firm with the armour of God. What colour do you think the armour of God is? Colour in the soldier below and show us!



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The Small Group Sermon Study

Ephesians 6:10-14

1 Peter 5:8



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What do we learn from this passage and message about Satan and his methods? What stood out to you personally about this?
 - b. Pastor Al said that we were designed to fight together – that it’s not you against the spiritual realm of darkness, but it’s us, together. How does “stand firm together” happen in everyday life? In what ways can we grow as a small group in standing together?
3. What don’t you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage or the key theme stir up in you?
5. Pastor Al identified the three primary areas of our soul that the enemy targets – our mind, will and emotions:
 - a. How is your life “in the word?” What needs to change for you?
 - b. What is the state of your will these days? Is there anything that needs addressing?
 - c. How is your emotional health? Is there anything emotionally that you need to bring to the Holy Spirit for healing and wholeness?
6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).