



THE ARMY | JOHN LALGEE

CHURCH METAPHORS

METAPHOR:

A metaphor is an object or item introduced because it carries some significantly similar characteristic to that which we want to describe or explain.

THE FAMILY (RELATIONAL)

THE HOUSE OF GOD (CONSTRUCTIONAL)

THE VINE (AGRICULTURAL)

THE ARMY (MARTIAL)

THE BODY (ANATOMICAL)

THE BRIDE (COVENANTAL)

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“Who is this who looks down like
the dawn, beautiful as the moon,
bright as the sun, awesome as an
army with banners?”

SONG OF SOLOMON 6:10





Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who
trains my hands for war, and my
fingers for battle

PSALM 144: 1



You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

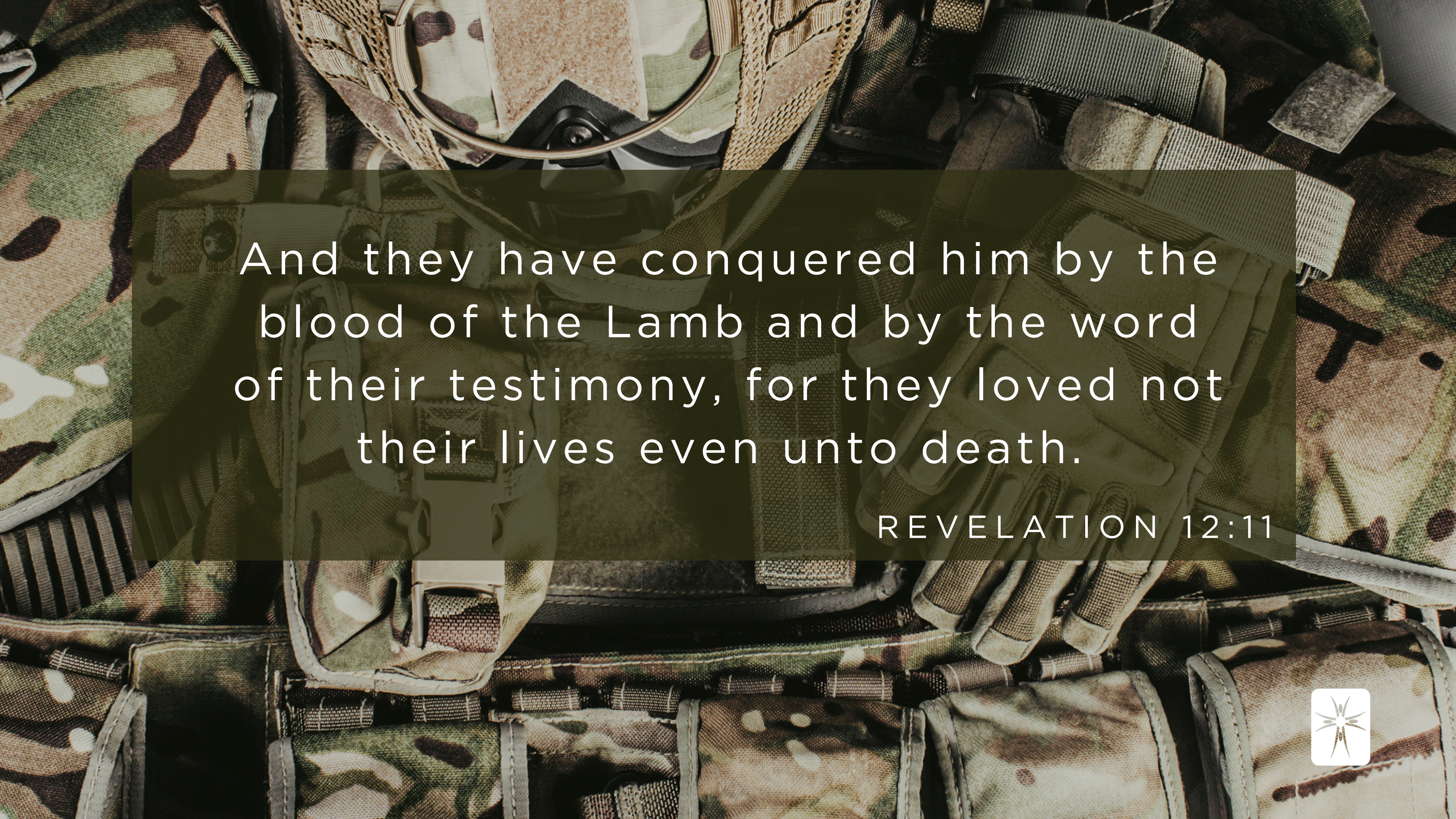
2 TIMOTHY 2:1-3



When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.”

MATTHEW 8:5-10





And they have conquered him by the
blood of the Lamb and by the word
of their testimony, for they loved not
their lives even unto death.

REVELATION 12:11



In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

HEBREWS 12:4-8



Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

HEBREWS 12:9-11

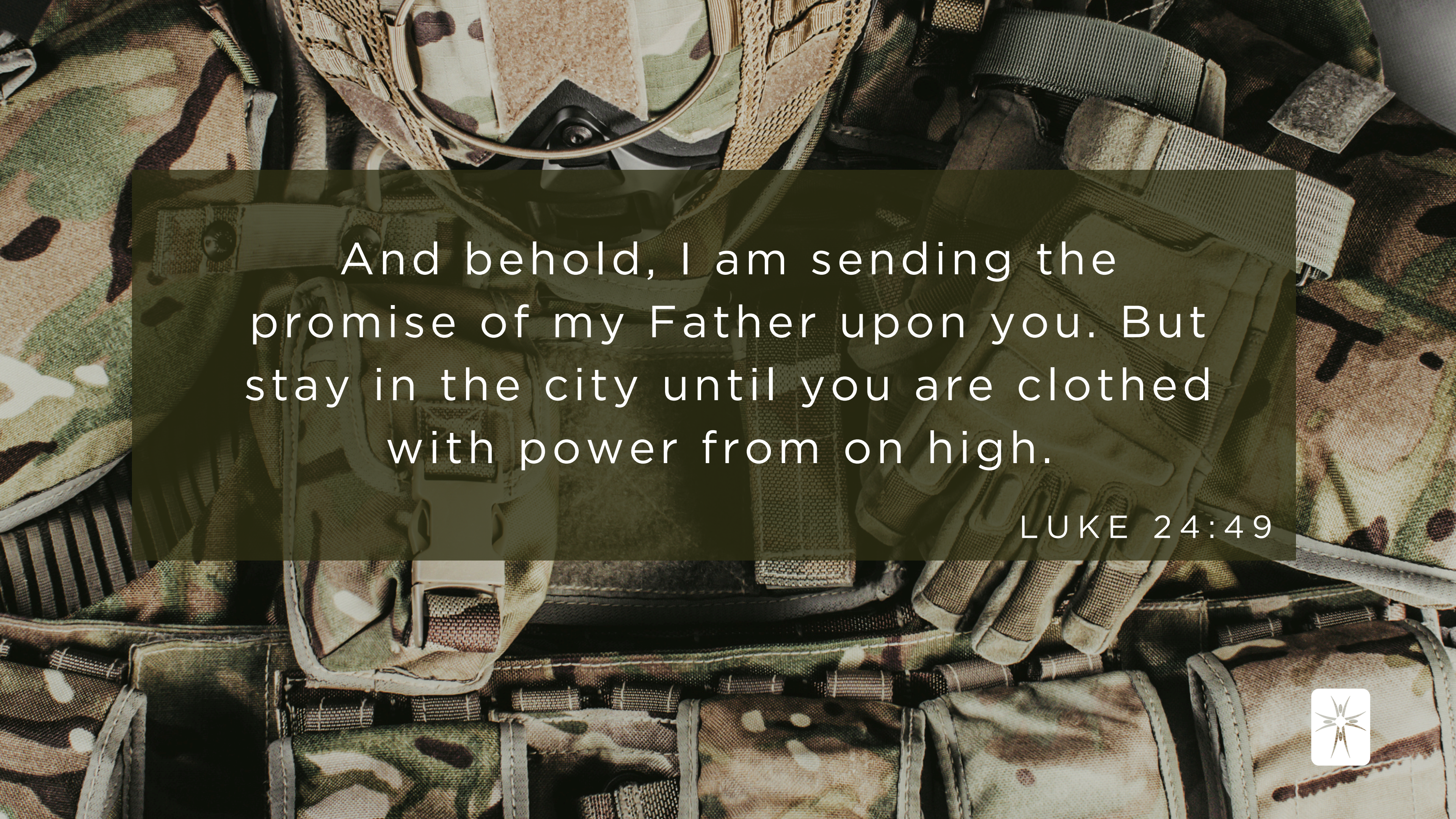


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“While women weep, as they do now, I’ll fight; while children go hungry, as they do now, I’ll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I’ll fight; while there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I’ll fight, I’ll fight to the very end!”

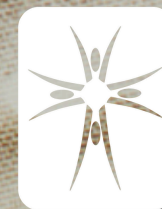
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And behold, I am sending the
promise of my Father upon you. But
stay in the city until you are clothed
with power from on high.

LUKE 24:49



For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5



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

EPHESIANS 6:10-12



MAJOR POINTS

1. We are born into a war.
2. The Lord demands total dedication.
3. Submission is a demonstration of genuine faith.
4. Significant ground is never taken without pain and loss.
5. We are to be a people of discipline.
6. Let's give ourselves to becoming equipped and trained.

