

## **WAGING WAR – Armor Up**

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**Job 42:2 (NIV)** – “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted”.

**Proverbs 21:31 (NIV)** - “The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord”.

**Psalms 20:6-8 (NIV)** – “Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to His anointed. He answers him from His heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of His right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm”.

**Luke 22:49-51 (NIV)** – When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And He touched the man’s ear and healed him.

**John 18:11 (NIV)** – Jesus commanded Peter, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”

**Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)** – “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 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”.

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**Romans 5:3-5 (NKJV)** – “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us”.

“You don’t really know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have”  
– **Tim Keller**

“They gave our Master a crown of thorns. Why do we hope for a crown of roses”? – **Martin Luther**

**Ephesians 4:20-24 (NIV)** – “That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness”.

**1 Samuel 17:38-40 (NKJV)** – “So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, ‘I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them’. So David took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd’s bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine”.

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**Ephesians 6:13-17 (NIV)** – “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. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”.

“**sword**” = Greek *machaira* – “short sword or dagger; Latin *gladius*

**Genesis 4:7 (NIV)** – “If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it”.

“In opposition to all the suggestions of the devil, the sole, simple, and sufficient answer is the word of God. This puts to flight all the powers of the darkness. The Christian finds this to be true in his individual experience. It dissipates his doubts; it drives away his fears; it delivers him from the power of Satan” – **Charles Hodge**

**James 4:7-8a (NIV)** – “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you”.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)** – For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me”. In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me”. For

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whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.