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"Armed with the Attitude of Yeshua"

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Devotion and Discussion Questions

Key Texts: 1 Peter 4:1-6

There's a fight going on around you every day. Not just in global conflict or social media debates—but in your home, your workplace, your relationships, and even in your mind. It shows up when someone insults you. When a coworker takes credit for your effort. When you're misunderstood, misjudged, or mistreated. And in those moments, the world tells you to defend yourself, to clap back, to stand your ground. But Peter says something different.

In 1 Peter 4, he writes to believers under real pressure. Yes, they were suffering—but not just in their bodies. They were under pressure to conform, to retaliate, to give in to cravings, or to fight like everyone else. And Peter says: *Don't*. Instead, *arm yourselves*—not with bitterness, not with pride, not even with good arguments—but with the mindset of Yeshua. That's our call too. Because whether you're suffering or just frustrated, the battle is real—and victory starts with the right mindset.

1. THE ATTITUDE OF YESHUA IS YOUR REAL DEFENSE

"Therefore, since Messiah suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude..." (1 Peter 4:1a, TLV). We all have ways we "arm" ourselves. Some of us use words as weapons. Others withdraw and wall up. Still others try to win through dominance or manipulation. But Peter says: *There's a better weapon. The mindset of Yeshua.*

What does that mean? It means viewing opposition through the lens of eternity. It means refusing to fight flesh with flesh. It means surrendering your right to retaliate—and instead choosing faithfulness, humility, and love. That's not passive. That's powerful. Yeshua didn't "lose" on the cross—He overcame by surrendering.

Peter learned this firsthand. In Gethsemane, he drew his sword to defend Yeshua. But Yeshua rebuked him: *"Put your sword away."* Why? Because true victory doesn't come through force—it comes through obedience. So now, through Peter, the Holy Spirit says to us: pick up that same mindset. Let that be your armor when you're attacked—not the old weapons you used to trust.

2. WHEN YOU THINK LIKE YESHUA, YOUR CRAVINGS LOSE POWER

"...for the one who has suffered in the flesh is finished with sin." (1 Peter 4:1b, TLV)

This isn't just about physical suffering—it's about learning to *resist* the easy, fleshly response in the heat of the moment. When you choose patience instead of rage, forgiveness instead of revenge, or silence instead of sarcasm—something inside you changes. Your old cravings lose their hold.

Peter isn't talking about perfection—he's talking about trajectory. When you consistently say "no" to self and "yes" to God, sin starts losing its grip. This happens not

just in persecution but in traffic. In tension at home. In workroom politics. In the comment section. When you choose Yeshua's mindset in those moments, you're being refined—and your appetite for sin weakens.

Think of it like fasting. The more you feed your flesh, the more it demands. But the more you lay it down, the more space you make for the Spirit. The attitude of Yeshua—dying to self—isn't just for martyrs. It's for parents, spouses, coworkers, and teenagers trying to reflect Him in everyday life.

3. A MIND SET ON GOD'S WILL LIVES WITH ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

"...so that he lives the rest of his time in the flesh no longer for human desires, but for God's will." (1 Peter 4:2, TLV). Here's the goal: not just resisting sin, but *replacing your desires with His*. That's the difference. You stop asking, "How do I win this?" and start asking, "What does God want to do through me here?" When you're armed with Messiah's attitude, you don't just endure insults—you respond with blessing. You don't just walk away from temptation—you walk toward purpose. You start living for *God's will*, not your own. And you see people—even enemies—through the lens of eternity.

Peter reminds us that everyone will give an account before God. That should fuel our compassion, not our pride. We don't want to be like Jonah—bitter under the vine, waiting for others to be judged. We want to be like Yeshua, loving people toward life, even when it costs us comfort.

CONCLUSION

You don't have to fight like the world fights. You don't have to be ruled by your reactions, your cravings, or your pride. You can be armed with something stronger: the attitude of Yeshua. That mindset doesn't just help you survive—it helps you walk in victory. It changes how you see others, how you speak, how you love, and how you suffer. So arm yourself today. Take up the mind of the Messiah—and let that shape everything.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What "weapons" are you most tempted to reach for when you feel attacked or frustrated?
2. What does it practically mean to be "armed with the attitude of Yeshua" in daily life?
3. How has suffering—or even everyday stress—shaped your thinking or attitude?
4. In what areas are you still living for your own desires instead of God's will?
5. How can remembering eternal accountability help you respond to others with grace?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Abba, thank You for the example of Yeshua. Teach us to think like Him—not just in moments of crisis, but in the quiet corners of daily life. Help us to lay down our old weapons and pick up the attitude of Messiah. When we are tempted to fight back, make us gentle. When we want to defend ourselves, teach us to trust You. Make us more like Your Son.

In Yeshua's name—Amen.