



PREPARING FOR BATTLE

“The Breast Plate of Righteousness” | Stephen Lu

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Leader: **The Word of the Lord**
Congregation: **Amen! Praise be to God!**





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What is Righteousness?

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Isaiah 59:17

17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
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he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
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Application

1. Remind yourself daily to put on the armor of God
2. Know Jesus has made you righteous in God's eyes
3. Pursue righteousness and ponder what it means to be a slave of God
4. Realize the enemies greatest fear is that you have an intimate relationship with God



