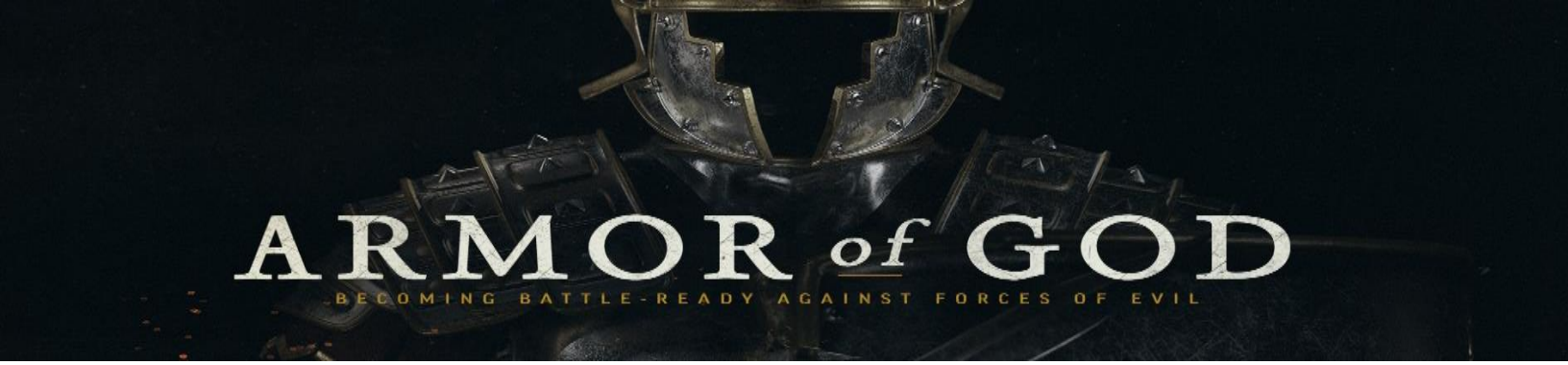


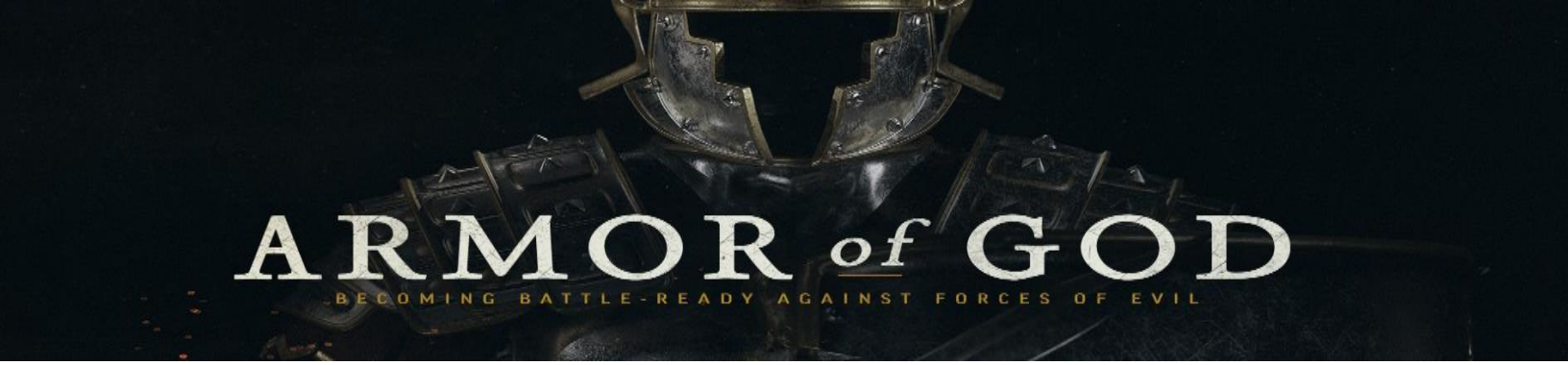
Keep On Praying

Discussion Questions

1. **When you hear the phrase "prayer life," what comes to mind? Would you describe your current approach to prayer as consistent, occasional, or something else? Why?**
2. **The sermon referenced Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7 — the idea of ask, seek, and knock. Which of those three feels most natural to you, and which feels most difficult? Why do you think that is?**

Going Deeper

3. **The sermon identified several reasons people do not ask for what they want, including ignorance, limiting beliefs, fear of rejection, and low self-esteem. Which of these resonates most with you when it comes to your prayer life? How has that affected the way you approach God?**
4. **Read Luke 18:1-8 together. What stands out to you about the widow's persistence? What does Jesus say this story is meant to teach? Have you ever been in a "for some time" season where you kept praying without a clear answer? What was that like?**
5. **The sermon made the point that bold, persistent prayer honors God because it demonstrates trust and intimacy. Does that idea challenge or encourage you? In what ways might your current prayer habits reflect or contradict that kind of trust?**
6. **The sermon described three things bold, persistent prayer does: it honors God, it changes the world around us, and it changes us. Which of these three do you think about most when you pray? Which do you think about least?**



7. **Read Luke 22:42 together, where Jesus prays in the garden. The sermon described this prayer as honest, vulnerable, and surrendered. What does it look like practically to pray with that same posture? What makes that kind of surrender difficult?**
8. **The sermon asked: "Do you pray to move God, or do you pray that God moves you?" How would you honestly answer that question right now?**

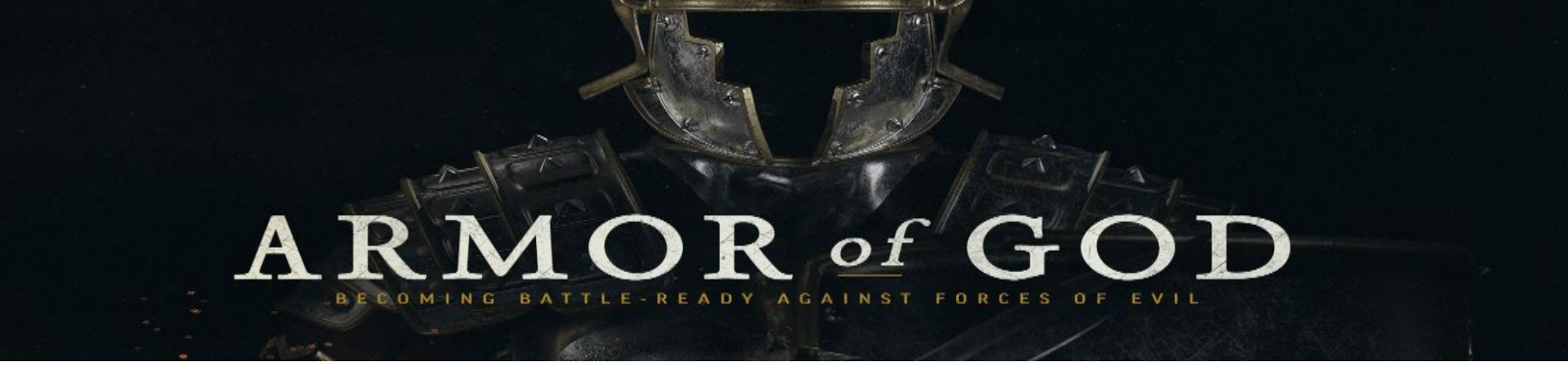
Personal Reflection

9. **The sermon said: "I don't think discerning God's will for your life is really a hard struggle at all. I think the biggest struggle is disowning my will for my life." Do you agree or disagree? What has your experience been with this tension?**
10. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 together. Paul pleaded three times for his struggle to be removed, and God said no. How do you respond when God answers your persistent prayer with "no" or "not yet"? What helps you keep trusting in those moments?**

Practical Applications

This Week, Choose One or More:

- **Set a specific time each day this week to pray, even if it is only five minutes. Treat it less like a ritual and more like a conversation. Bring your actual requests, your honest frustrations, and your willingness to surrender.**
- **Write down one thing you have been wishing for but have never specifically and boldly asked God for. Bring that request to Him this week, and add the phrase: "Not my will, but yours."**



- **Identify someone in your life who is in a hard season. Commit to praying for that person every day this week, not just once. Let them know you are praying for them.**
- **Reflect on a current struggle or unanswered prayer. Ask yourself honestly: am I asking God to change my circumstances, or am I also open to God changing me through them? Spend time in prayer inviting both possibilities.**
- **If you have been avoiding prayer because you do not want to change, name that honestly before God this week. Ask Him to give you the courage to surrender even in that area.**