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Soldiers need armor so they can stand firm against evil

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Good Soldiers...

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- *Fight the battles God places before us*





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John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

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Never let it be said about this generation, to whom the mantle was passed from the 'soldier saints' who came before us, that we laid down our swords and shields allowing the enemies of our Lord Jesus Christ to bask in the glow of our failure. NO! NO! NO!, a thousand times NO!! Instead, let us persevere with sword and shield in hand, side by side with our fellow soldiers; in the spirit of our Lord singing at the top of our lungs the words of the timeless hymn as our battle cry: "Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going before."

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