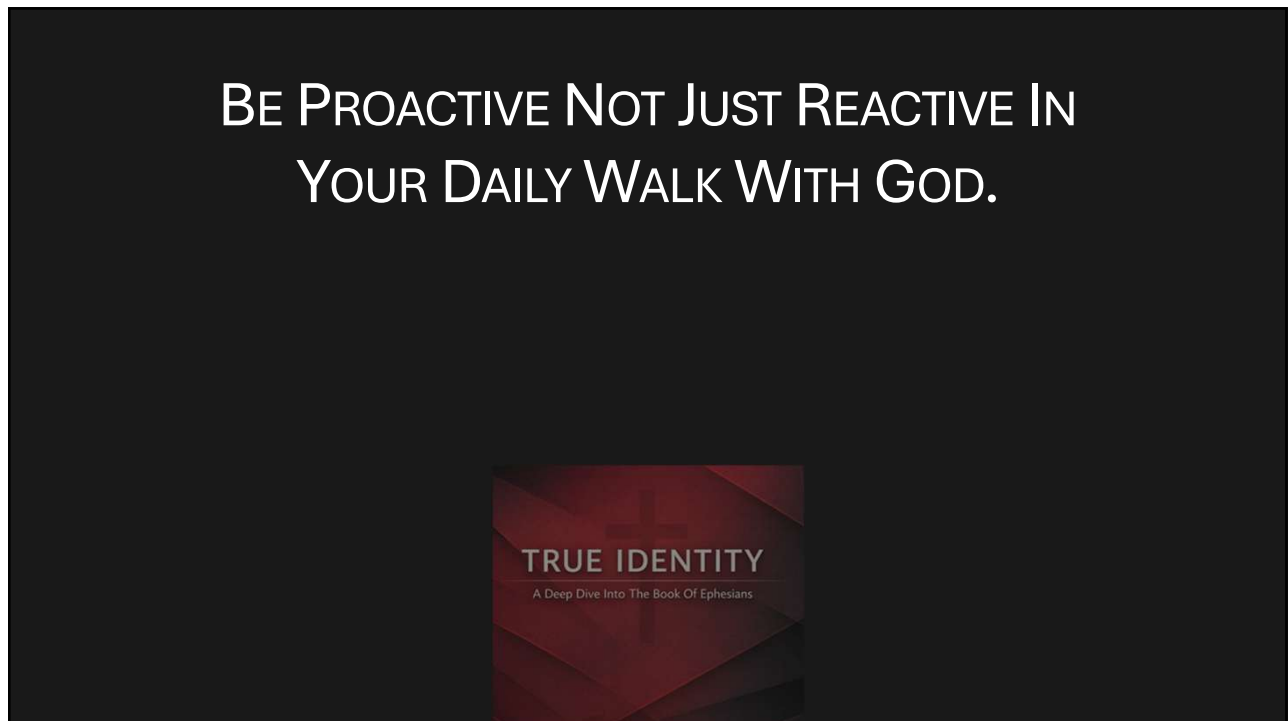


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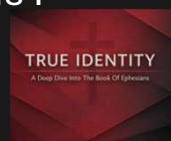
Ephesians 6:10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having



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fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

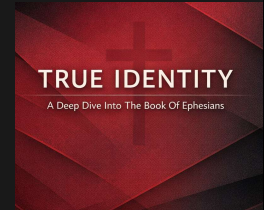


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READINESS FOR ACTION

Stand Reinforced

- Command to be engaged
- Command for all believers
- Command for urgency
- Command to know the enemy
- Command to know the victory



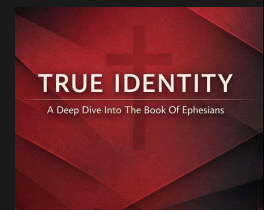
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READINESS FOR ACTION

Stand Reinforced

Know The Certainty

- Need for daily armor
- The church has an enemy
- You have an enemy



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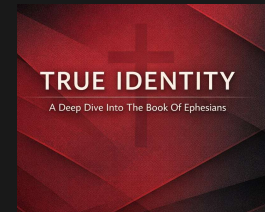
READINESS FOR ACTION

Stand Reinforced

Know The Certainty

Importance Of The Stand

- Standing provides alertness
- Standing does not waste time
- Standing demonstrates strength

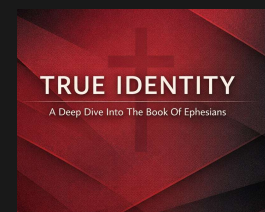


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CALL FOR ACTION

Direct Instructions

- Stand
- Put on the whole armor of God
- Having fastened oneself
- Putting the armor of God is a personal discipline



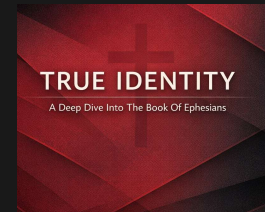
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CALL FOR ACTION

Direct Instructions

Choose Action

- Spiritual warfare is real and active
- Choose not forced
- Obedience to God's calling will intensify spiritual battles



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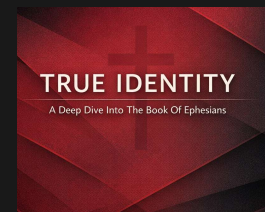
CALL FOR ACTION

Direct Instructions

Choose Action

Action Is Absolutely Worth The Battle

- Faith grows
- Dependency on the Holy Spirit grows
- Knowing the comfort for God

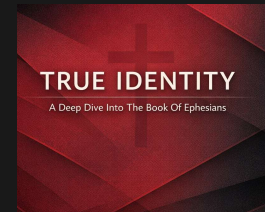


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EQUIPPED FOR ACTION

The Belt

- Essential first piece of first century Roman armor
- Used for utility
- Secure clothing worn underneath the armor
- Sign of authority or sign of discipline



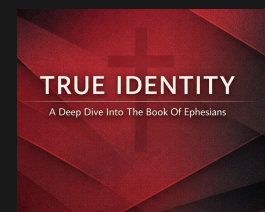
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EQUIPPED FOR ACTION

The Belt

Know Truth

- God's character
- God's calling
- God's confidence



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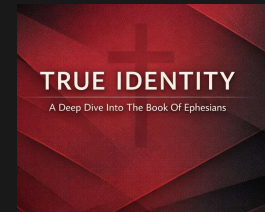
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The Belt

Know Truth

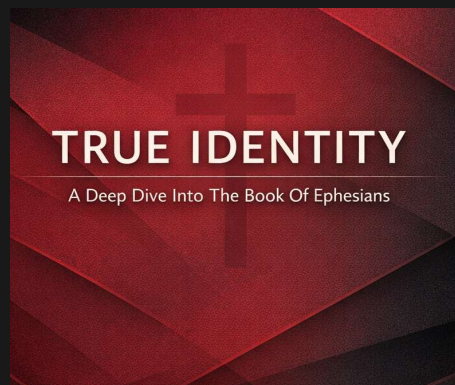
Reaffirming Truth

- Transformed by grace
- Aligned with Christ
- Unity in the church
- Expectation to imitate God



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Know The Truth?



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READINESS

Standing in the strength and might
of the Lord, not your own

