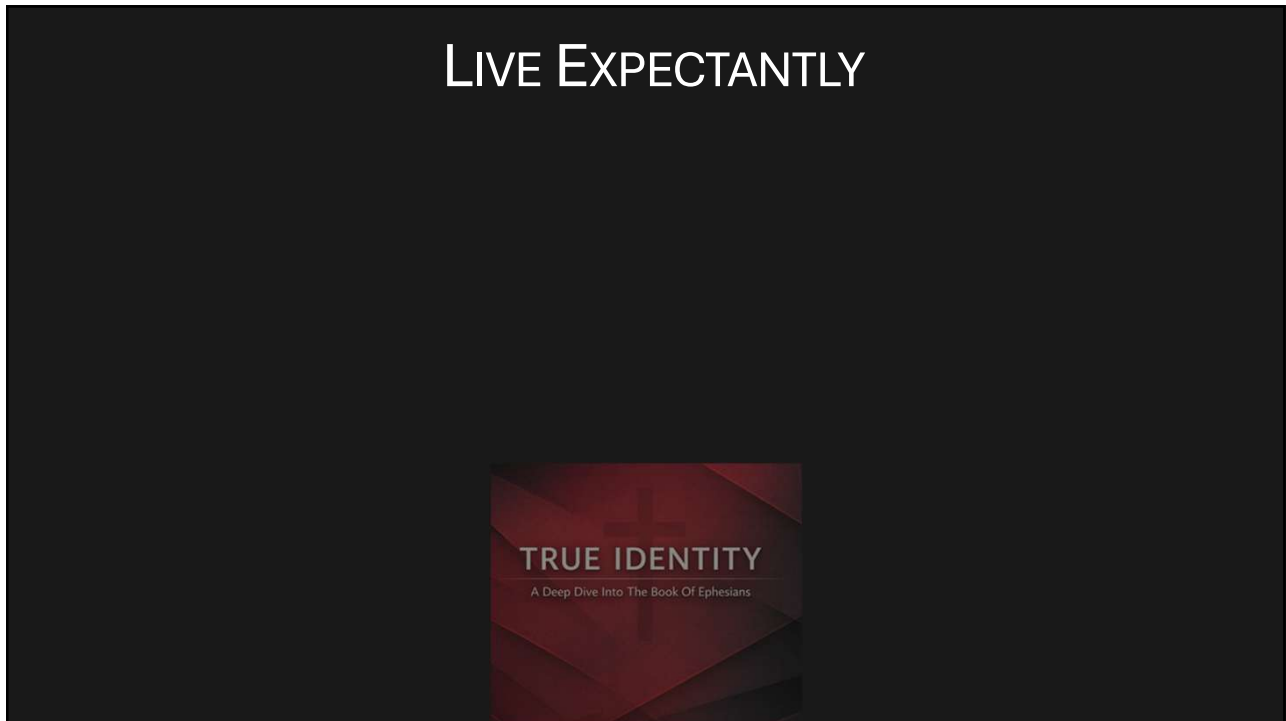


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## Ephesians 6:10–13

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.

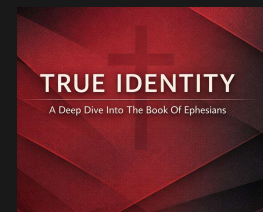


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## BE STRONG VS. 10

### Instruction

- While you are imitating God
  - As church
  - As family
  - As you work



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## BE STRONG VS. 10

### Instruction

- While you are imitating God
- Not impossible task
  - God's call is certain
  - God's call is right
  - God's call stretches faith
  - God's call simulates spiritual dependency
  - Remember, God NEVER makes mistakes

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## BE STRONG VS. 10

### Instruction

- While you are imitating God
- Not impossible task
- Not alone
  - The Holy Spirit
  - The church

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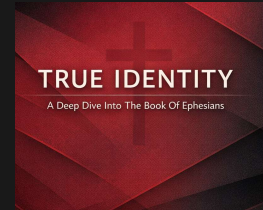
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## BE STRONG VS. 10

### Instruction

#### Be Strong

- God's calling requires God's strength
- Do not attempt on your own
- His might not yours



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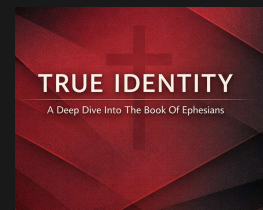
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### Instruction

#### Be Strong

#### Trust God

- Learning God's character
- Praying for God's wisdom
- Depending on God's timing
- Growing in understanding



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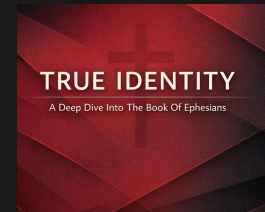
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Be Strong

Trust God

Requires

- Humility – James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6-7



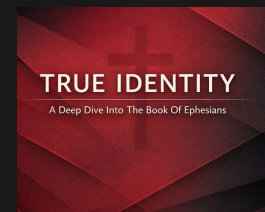
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### James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

### 1 Peter 5:6–7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



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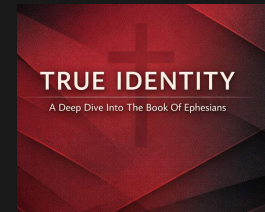
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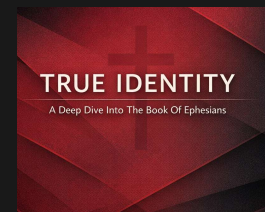
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### Luke 9:23

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

### Luke 14:27

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.



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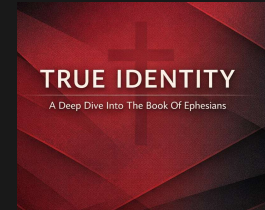
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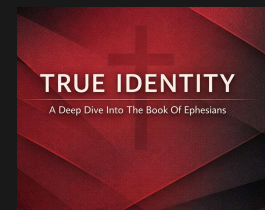
- Humility – James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Daily taking up your cross - Luke 9:23, Luke 14:27
- Being a living sacrifice – Romans 12:1-2



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## Romans 12:1–2

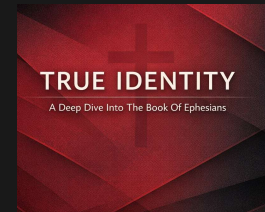
I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



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## BE STRONG VS. 10

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 Be Strong  
 Trust God  
 Requires  
 One Testimony – Joshua



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### Joshua 1:5–9

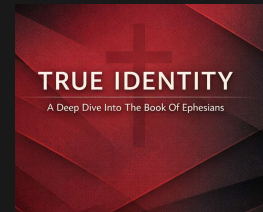
“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

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## BE AWARE VS. 11-12

### God's Protection

- Action required
- Put on the whole armor of God
  - A half suited soldier is not ready to stand
  - The whole armor reflects the complete dependency on God



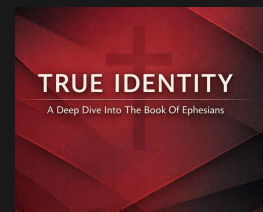
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## BE AWARE VS. 11-12

### God's Protection

### Stand Against

- Called to stand firm – unwavering
  - Faith is essential – not lead by anxieties
  - Peace from the Holy Spirit – not driven by turmoil



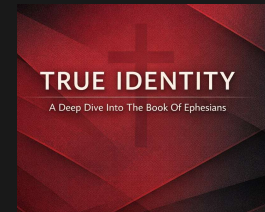
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### God's Protection

### Stand Against

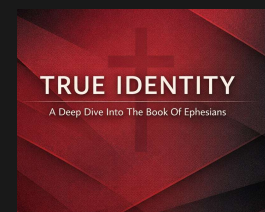
- Called to stand firm – unwavering
- The devil
  - Always scheming against the church
  - Ready to destroy - 1 Peter 5:8–9



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## 1 Peter 5:8–9

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.



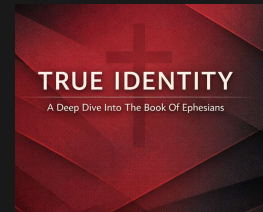
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## BE AWARE VS. 11-12

### God's Protection

### Stand Against

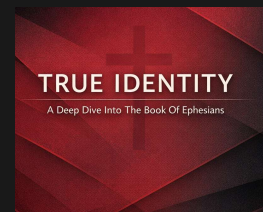
- Called to stand firm – unwavering
- The devil
  - Always scheming against the church
  - Ready to destroy - 1 Peter 5:8–9
  - The devil loses - James 4:7–10



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## James 4:7–10

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.



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## BE AWARE VS. 11-12

God's Protection

Stand Against

Standing Is Expected

- Reoccurring word
  - Ephesians 6:11
  - Ephesians 6:13
  - Ephesians 6:14
- Only through the power and presence of God

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## BE AWARE VS. 11-12

God's Protection

Stand Against

Standing Is Expected

Schemes

- Twisting God's Word – Genesis 2:16,17; Genesis 3:1-5; Matthew 4:1-11
- Cunning doctrine and teaching – Ephesians 4:14
- Cultural shifts of acceptance contrary to God – Revelation 2:20-23
- Spiritual blindness – Revelation 3:15-19

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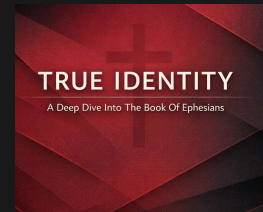
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Stand Against  
Standing Is Expected  
Schemes

The Opponent Exposed

- Not flesh and blood
- Rulers, authorities
- Cosmic power over this present darkness
- Spiritual forces of evil

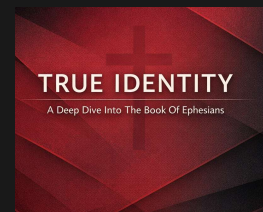


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## BE PREPARED VS. 13

Affirming The Command

- Take up the whole armor
- Armor provides both protection and weapon
- This is God's armor
  - War was won through Jesus Christ
  - Battles still occur
  - Stand in victory



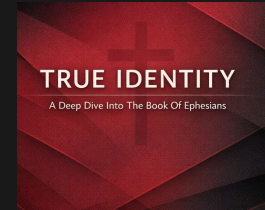
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## BE PREPARED VS. 13

Affirming The Command

Evil days

- Real time – current everyday life now
- Continuing until Christ returns
- Battle only intensifies in the wait



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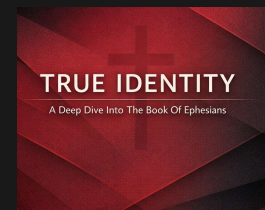
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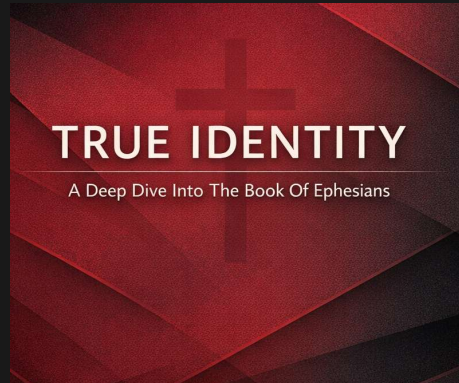
Doing All Through God's Power

- Still stand firm



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# Are You In The Battle?



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