

Put on the Full Armor of God

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Good day, Victory family and all who have tuned in.

There's no better time than a fast, as we are determined to lay everything aside, including meals to seek His face and remember who we are. I pray this devotional will bless you today.

Today we will dive into Ephesians 6 :10–18. I will be reading out of the New International Version.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm, then, with the belt of truth, buckled around your waist, with the breast plate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

I want everyone to close your eyes and picture yourself standing clothed in the full armor of God before your Warrior King. This picture displays your character, who you are before your Father in Heaven. Each piece of armor magnifies and glorifies what Jesus has done for us so that we can represent Him and live a victorious life as we take our stand against the enemy's schemes.

Romans 13:12 says, "Let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." Think of it, when your armor is put on correctly the light that is coming from you is so bright that it blinds the enemy.

The Father has so graciously equipped you for every spiritual battle and has provided armor for you to put on. You are strong in the Lord and in the power of His might when you cloth yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, you are no longer thinking about how to gratify the desires of the flesh because your eyes are on the Commander of angel armies who is also the lover of your soul. You are standing there looking into the eyes of your Warrior King and He is so pleased that you belong to Him.

He watches you put on the belt for truth. You are sanctified by truth—His Word is truth. Jesus is the Living Word and holds everything together. He was with God in the beginning of creation. He was the Word and all things were made from Him. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This is the truth you believed in, who He was and who He is. And you know that He's coming again. The belt of truth is holding you together. He smiles, knowing that you received that revelation. You look back at Him and say, "You are my Lord and King. You are the Truth, the Way, and the Life."

He then sees you attach the breast plate of righteousness to the belt of truth. As you attach it, you understand that this righteousness is not of you, but it is His righteousness and His holiness that you have taken on. This beautiful piece of armor covers your heart, protecting it. The Lord has given you a pure heart, He has renewed a right spirit within you and this holiness protects you and keeps you. You have made love your aim. You have put on the new man in Christ. You are now a righteous conqueror in the Lord Jesus Christ.

He looks down at your feet. They are beautiful in His sight. You have shod them with the gospel of peace making yourself ready to share what you know—the Truth. You are willing to stand in His peace in the midst of an evil day and share the Good News. It has brought Him much delight. You are firm-footed, ready, stable in your stand, and not swayed. You are in perfect peace in Christ, and you carry the message of salvation for all those who will hear and believe. He stands with you!

He looks and He remembers you put on your helmet of salvation—the crown of thorns that was thrust onto His head so that you would not be tormented in your mind. His blood paid for your peace, for the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. He gave you the mind of Christ, a spirit of love, a spirit of power, and a spirit of a sound mind. You know that you know you are saved. He watches as you take evil thoughts captive and put them under the obedience of Christ, exchanging your will for His will. You choose to think on things that are pure, trustworthy, lovely, full of praise, and have a good report. You choose to be on guard, stand firm in faith, be courageous, and be strong. You reflect on His goodness. In the midst of doubt, you recall His faithfulness, and that all His promises are yes and amen.

He watches and beams as you wield the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. It is the sharp, two-edged sword that shuts the mouth of lions, cuts between the soul and the spirit, and keeps you from spiritual deception. You know Holy Spirit and that He puts His words in your mouth. He brings things to your remembrance and keeps you from error. With the sword of the Spirit, you defend yourself from the enemy's lies, instruct others in the way they should go, and you deliver captives out of the enemy's hands. You are a mighty warrior.

Your eyes meet the flaming eyes of your Warrior King, and you suddenly feel that you are one with Him. You've put on His character, you look like Him, and you act like Him; He is being magnified and glorified through you. He is well pleased, and He says to you, "Stand firm, be strong in Me, and in the power of My might for this is an evil day. Pray in the Spirit always, ask Me anything, make your request known to Me, and pray for all your brothers and sisters. Stay alert. I am with you and I am coming soon."

Victory family, when you're feeling off and you can't seem to feel His presence and maybe everything is coming at you all at once, just stop and ask Holy Spirit, "What part of the armor seems to be off today, Lord?" He will be gracious and faithful to show you.

I pray that this blessed you today. It blessed me doing this study and it reminded me of what God has done for us. I'm so thankful for all that He has provided us with.

You are victorious ones!!