



PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

MEN'S TRAINING CAMP 2022

Equipped for Battle...Ephesians 6:10-20

*"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."
Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV)*

Words of Wisdom

- "Standing firm in the armor of God doesn't stop the spiritual warfare from raging. It stops it from defeating you." ~Dr. Tony Evans
- "Your preparation is in the strength of the Lord, your equipment is in the armor of God. Your enemy is formidable, the devil. You need to understand his schemes...your struggle is not just with humans, but a supernatural force, a hierarchy of demons that operate in the heavenlies. If you put on the full armor of God, you will be able to resist in this evil day, evil that dominates this fallen world, and when it's all over, you can stand firm." ~John MacArthur

1. Condition of men today. An identity crisis.

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:30, Genesis 1:26, Exodus 15:3, 1 Samuel 17:45, Exodus 34:23

- Losing the warrior mindset. Absence of Godly men. Created in His image.

2. Knowing our enemy

Scripture: Hosea 4:6, James 1:12-15, 1st Corinthians 10:12-13, Ephesians 2:2-3, John 16:33

- Flesh (internal) vs spiritual attack (external). Battle within? Walk in the Spirit! Battle outside? Spiritual warfare.
- The devil (schemer, deceiver), formidable adversary, and his followers, kingdom of darkness, false doctrine

3. Prepare for battle!

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-13, Joshua 1:5-9

- 1. Strength. v10: Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. (Resurrection power)
- 2. Equipment. v11: Put on the whole armor of God...
- v12: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood.
- People are not our enemy!

4. Armor of God

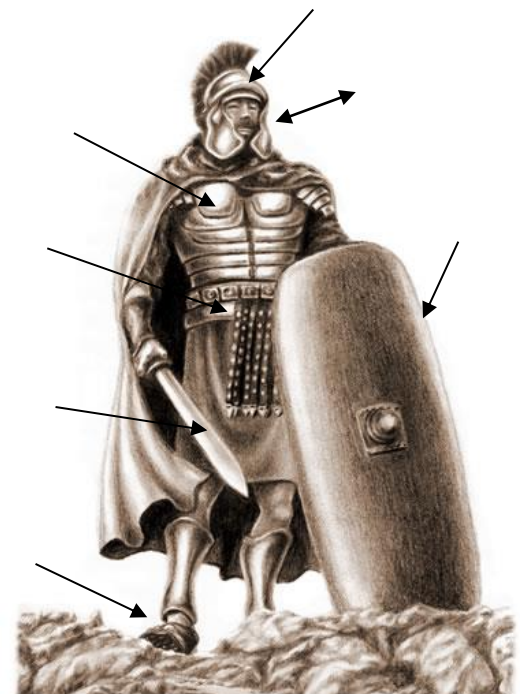
Scripture: Ephesians 6:14-17

- Stand and gird your waist with **BELT** of TRUTH
- Put on **BREASTPLATE** of RIGHTEOUSNESS
- Shod your feet with the **SHOES** of preparation of the **GOSPEL** of PEACE
- Take the **SHIELD** of FAITH
- Take the **HELMET** of SALVATION
- Take the **SWORD** of the SPIRIT, which is the **WORD** of GOD

5. Armor's importance

Scripture: Ephesians 6:18-20, Ephesians 4:27

- "Do not give the devil a foothold." (falling into sinful behavior)
- To prevent doubt, being overwhelmed. Regain the warrior mindset.
- Be bold. Stand firm in Christ's victory!



Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? *Be descriptive...*
2. Do you consider yourself a warrior in God's Army? And what does it mean to have a warrior mindset?
3. Remember in [Ephesians 6:12](#), we are reminded that "we don't wrestle with flesh and blood." With that being said, how does that change your mind about a person, or group of people that you have had issues with in the past?
 - Read [Ephesians 5:8](#) and reflect on family and friends who are not believers. Are you judgmental or moved with compassion? What is your response for them?
4. Paul shows importance to the concept of putting on the "whole armor of God" in order to "stand against the schemes of the devil" as he mentions in twice (verse 11 and again in verse 13). What does it look like for someone who is not wearing the whole armor? What are the consequences?
5. Read [Hebrews 4:12](#). The sword of the Spirit is the one piece of armor that is used in both defense and offense. Are you trained in battle to use the sword? How often do you train with it?

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)