

Call to Duty – Spiritual Warfare – 5

Ephesians 6:11

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

- We wrestle with principalities that try to distract us from focusing on the author of our faith – Jesus
- 4 times STAND is repeated – Vs. 11-14

The Belt of Truth

No Slide: Ephesians 6:14 NKJV

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth.

- The belt is the truth of the word of God
- The more truth you receive the more victory you will see manifest in your life – The truth sets you free

The Breastplate of Righteousness

No Slide: Ephesians 6:15

Having put on the breastplate of righteousness, NKJV

- The breastplate is for protecting your heart
- If the devil can get your heart it will shut down your faith
- Keep you heart – Proverbs 4:23 RSV “*Vigilance*”

Romans 5:17

17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) NKJV

The Gospel of Peace

No Slide: Ephesians 6:15

Stand Therefore... 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; NKJV

Remain in “His peace”

No Slide: John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you;

- The Devil can’t stand a Christian that has the peace of God – They can not be shaken
- The devil has no peace and he wants to disturb our minds and agitate our emotions – making us like him
- He wants us to become restless

Colossians 3:15

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, NKJV

The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16 NKJV

16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

- The shield of faith quenches the thoughts the enemy throws at us
- Thoughts to instill...
- Fear, self-pity, condemnation, rejection, feelings of betrayal

Its not about having faith in my faith but in His Faith or
“The Faith” – Jude 3

The faith is built on the fact that we know God loves us

Galatians 5:6

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor
uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through
love. NKJV

- I and my Father are one – John 17:21

Romans 8:32

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him
up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us
all things? NKJV

- Knowing that because of Gods love He has met every
need through Christ
- We “Rest” in that love – Faith

The Helmet of Salvation

Ephesians 6:17

17 And take the helmet of salvation, NKJV

- Salvation – *Sozo*
– *preservation, wholeness, health and prosperity*
- Yes we are saved for eternity but this is a salvation
that we put on and make a decision to trust
- Meditating, speaking, seeing through Spiritual eyes

1 Thessalonians 5:8

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. NKJV

- Hope – A positive or confident expectation of good
- It's not the same as "I hope so"
- It's something that is confident
- Know in your heart and declare with your mouth Gods preservation, wholeness, prosperity and health

So many times people think, well if its Gods will it will work out

That is not true we need to make a decision to think and believe

Matthew 9:29

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." NKJV

Romans 5:5

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. NKJV

The helmet protects your mind and guards your thoughts as you are experiencing life's trials

We are confident that things in the future will work out for good

2 Corinthians 4:17

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, NKJV

You and I have got to be sure of our salvation

Jesus didn't come to make bad people good

He came to make dead people live

When Jesus was crucified – I was crucified

When Jesus was buried – I was buried

When Jesus rose from the dead – I rose from the dead

1 John 4:17

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. NKJV

- We are no longer in and of ourselves
- God sees us the way He sees Christ
- We are not limited to our own resources
- We have a new identity

We are raised far above Satan, far above principalities, far above all power, might and dominion. Far above every name because we have been raised and seated with Christ

Colossians 3:1, 3

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 3 For you died, and your life is **hidden with Christ** in God. NKJV

- We are seated with Christ
- The Devil wants us to think we are separate
- He wants us to think we are on our own
- He wants us to think when we do good we're in Christ
- But when we do badly we're not in Christ
- We are "In Him" forever!

Romans 8:35

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? NKJV

We should always have an expectation that good things will happen to us

Have you ever noticed that when we expect bad things to happen they do?

The same is true for expecting good things

We are naturally drawn to think negative

We have to put on the helmet and direct our thoughts

1 John 4:4

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. NKJV

The Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; NKJV

- The sword of the Spirit is the word of God
- It is one of two offensive weapons
 - Praying in the Spirit can also be offensive
- The belt holds everything together
- The breastplate protects your heart
- The shoes protect you feet
- The helmet protects your head
- The shield protects your whole being
- The sword is for attacking

Most of us don't carry a sword but we can imagine how important a rifle is to a soldier

Even if you didn't have your boots, helmet or uniform you could still do damage to the enemy if you had your rifle

God's word is precise and powerful

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. NKJV

- SHARPER than a two-edged sword
- Able to cut both ways
- Today we may say a laser beam
- It can cut with precision

We need to be like Jesus and say “It is written”
Memorize scripture and then say – “It is written”
Jesus didn’t say my Father said to me He said
“It is written”
The written word becomes powerful when we speak it

Psalm 91:1-4

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my
fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." 3 Surely He shall
deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the
perilous pestilence. 4 He shall cover you with His feathers,
and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall
be your shield and buckler. NKJV

- The Devil says at 50 on in 5 men get XYZ disease.
You say “It is written” 3 Surely He shall deliver you
from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous
pestilence. (NLT – Deadly disease)
- The Devil says you’re going to die and you say “It is
written” Ps 91:16 With long life I will satisfy him, and
show him My salvation.

You can’t reason away fear you must speak the word and
say “It is written” for God has not given us... 2 Tim 1:7

Revelation 1:16

16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth
went a sharp two-edged sword, NKJV

In need of provision:

Philippians 4:19

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. NKJV

In need of sound sleep:

Proverbs 3:24

24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.
NKJV

Need safety and deliverance for your children:

Proverbs 11:21

But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. KJV

Experiencing fear of man:

Hebrews 13:6

6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper;
I will not fear. What can man do to me?" NKJV

Wake up in a bad, negative mood:

Psalms 118:24

24 This is the day the LORD has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. NKJV

Write scripture down on cards and carry them with you
Get a "God's promises for your every need" book
Say "It is written"