THE ARMOR OF GOD

BATTLING VICTORS STAND FIRM IN THE FULL
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Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:13 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.

> Ephesians 6:14-17 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

2 Timothy 2:4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

➤ 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

²³For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, <u>saying</u>, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

➤ 1 Corinthians 11:26–27

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:28–30

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

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I. A Battling Victor or Collateral Damage?

- A. The Scope Of Danger Faced In Our Battle.
 - > Ephesians 6:11-12
- B. The Provisions God Has Made For His Children To Fight.
 - Ephesians 6:10-11

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C. The Call To Stand Unyielding In The Fight.

- > Ephesians 6:11, 13
- > Ephesians 4:22–24 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness

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Psalm 65:6 Who established the mountains by His strength, Being clothed (girded) with power,

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What kind of assaults must be prepared for?

- B. In Order To Stand Firm, We Must KNOW / LOVE The TRUTH.
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- Where do we find the strength and courage needed to face the relentless attacks of a ruthless enemy?
- The Song of Moses:
 Deuteronomy 32:3–4 For I proclaim the name of the Lord: Ascribe greatness to our God.
 ⁴ He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He,

- Where do we find the strength and courage needed to face the relentless attacks of a ruthless enemy?
- Psalm 25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day,

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- > Where do we find the strength and courage needed to face the relentless attacks of a ruthless enemy?
- Psalm 31:5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- Psalm 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.

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➤ Isaiah 11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

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Fightesians 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

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John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

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Ephesians 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.

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Ephesians 4:21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus.

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Luke 12:20–21 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

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Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

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Ephesians 5:9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

- > How do we put on the BELT OF TRUTH each day?
- 1. We must preach the gospel to ourselves each day.
- 2. We must be convinced that the greatest treasure we have is our relationship with Jesus.



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