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Getting Dressed for Church  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
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*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. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*  
(Ephesians 6:13-20)



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Discuss each of the tools in the armor of God. Share examples of how or when you might be able to use each one in real life. Do some come more naturally to you than others? Why do you think that is?

Knowing that we need to *“take up the FULL armor of God to be able to withstand in the evil day” (Ephesians 6:13)*, what are some practical ways in which you can use each part of the armor daily? Which one needs sharpening or strengthening?

Does any of the armor of God seem “too big” or too hard to wear? What is that piece? Why do you believe it doesn’t fit you?

Do you feel like you are suffering any personal (supernatural) attacks right now? Can you share this with the group? How can you experience freedom from these incursions.

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When daily attacks come your way (somebody cuts you off, family drama, illness, unemployment, financial distress, marital spats, etc.), what will be your first step in facing down those confrontations? What part of the armor of God can you use to fend off these affronts?

Be alert this week of those daily, supernatural incursions into your heart and mind, and then prayerfully cover yourself with the armor of God. Pick one with which you struggle or doesn’t come naturally, and practice covering yourself with it—or just using it.