

episode 104 , published 08/09/2021

HOW DO I USE THE SPIRITUAL ARMOR OF GOD?

listening guide

Ephesians 6:10-13 ~ Stand in the Battle. Kneel before the Lord.

Who is Paul addressing?

What is Paul telling us about our identity?

BE Strong.

- Not your own—the strength of the Lord.

PUT ON, TAKE UP

- Battle (Greek, *palē*) – wrestling
- Romans 8:37 ; Romans 8:31
- The victor's crown (1Cor 9:25)

STAND.

The only way to stand up to the devil is to kneel before God.

Don't flee. And don't pick a fight.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (James 4:7b)

Submit to the authority of God. (James 4:7a)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Stand Firm in the Armor of God: Victory is assured! So, live fully equipped by Christ, living out the significance of each piece of the armor as outlined in Ephesians 6.
2. Wrestle Not Against Flesh and Blood: Discover the nature of spiritual battle against forces in the heavenly realm and learn how to engage in close combat weaponry and the vital role of prayer and community in spiritual warfare.
3. Kneel Before God, Stand Against the Devil: submit to God's authority, resist the devil, and gain awareness and wisdom to combat his tactics, ultimately showcasing the power of standing in Christ.

QUESTIONS TO GO DEEPER

The episode discussed the reality of spiritual warfare and the need to stand firm in Christ against the devil's schemes. In this worksheet, we will reinforce the key topics explored in the episode and provide practical application for spiritual battle.

Section 1: Understanding the Enemy

1. Define the spiritual battle: What did Stephanie emphasize about the nature of our battle in Ephesians 6:12?
2. Describe Satan's tactics: How does the episode illustrate the importance of being aware and wise to the devil's tricks and strategies?
3. Examine Satan's jealousy: Why is Satan after humans, according to the lesson? How does this relate to his pride and rebellion against God?

Section 2: Equipped for Battle

1. Examine the armor of God: List and describe each piece of the spiritual armor emphasized in the episode.
2. Emphasis on prayer and community: Why are these components crucial for believers in spiritual warfare? How do they contribute to being fully equipped by Christ?

Section 3: Standing Firm in Christ

1. Submission and resistance: Explain the importance of submitting to God's authority and resisting the devil, as emphasized in the episode.
2. The posture of kneeling before God: why is it essential to kneel before God in order to stand against the devil?

Section 4: Personal Reflection

1. Reflect on your current understanding of spiritual warfare. How does the episode complement or grow your beliefs?
2. Personal application: How can you actively engage in spiritual battle as a warrior in Christ, following the principles and insights shared in the episode?

The journey of standing firm in the spiritual battle begins with understanding the enemy, being fully equipped by Christ, and actively engaging in the battle as believers. As you work through this worksheet, keep in mind Scripture's emphasis on the victory secured by Christ and the importance of taking an active role in spiritual warfare.