



THE ARMOR OF GOD

This week we are taking a pause in our study to review all we have learned so far. Please take some time this week to catch up on any missed verses. Wouldn't it be awesome to have Ephesians 6:14-18 completely memorized by the end of our study!

“Stand, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on you chest. Wear on your feet what will prepare you to tell the good news of peace. Also, pick up the shield of faith. With it you can put out all of the flaming arrows of the evil one. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” Ephesians 6:14-16,18

This week go over the following key concepts we have been discussing. Try to think of real world examples from your child's life that would illustrate the points in a clearer way:

- God gives us His Truth through His Word. This truth stabilizes us at our core just like the Roman soldier's belt would stabilize him. As we read the Bible it defines what God's opinion is and sets what our standard should be. When we know the truth the enemy is not able to trick us! A believer wears the Belt of Truth when he agrees with God about what is true.
- The Roman soldier's breastplate was designed to protect organs necessary for life, mainly the heart. Jesus gives us His Righteousness to put on when we accept Him as Lord. Righteousness protects the most important spiritual organ you have, your heart, against the enemy. Righteousness simply means living the right way, the way God wants us to live. God gives us the strength to change our actions and make right choices! These right choices protect our hearts, and keep us out of trouble!

- The Roman soldier would wear his shoes for protection, and to show a readiness to move or fight. The Good News of Jesus provides a way for us to have inner peace from God. Paul points out this Peace God grants us should be worn like shoes. Strapped on to protect us and to keep us ready to share the Good News with others.
- Soldiers also had a well-crafted and sturdy shield to protect them. Of course they had to pick it up and use it for it to be valuable to them. This is exactly why Paul tells us our faith is like a shield. Faith has to be put into action. We need to choose to act in accordance with truth despite how difficult it maybe or despite the fact that you can't see what the outcome will be. Faith is trusting God to keep His Promises and making sure that trust motivates us into action. The act of faith is what becomes a shield of protection to cover and protect us against the enemy's fiery arrows of distraction, frustration, and doubt.

Makes sure to take time to pray:

- Pray for your parents.
- Pray for our church.
- Pray for Ruth (our Compassion Child from Haiti)
- Pray for God to continue to give you the strength you need to put on His Armor daily.