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Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-11

"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil." →

Prayer

Lord Jesus

Thank You for not leaving us in the devil's grasp. Thank You for giving us tools to fight the enemy and find victory. Please help me put on Your full armour. I love You, Lord. Amen. →

Paul is known for his iconic metaphors, and none is as famous as the armour of God. Our journey begins when we realize that there is a very real spiritual war happening right now. If we think we can take down the enemy alone, we will fail. That's why we need the metaphorical armour of God. We can only fight the devil by standing firm in God's power. We need to immerse ourselves in God's Word, in prayer, and in living out His commands. The devil has many strategies, which is why we need armour. More than that, we need the full armour. If we're missing even one piece, the devil will use that weakness to take us down. But don't be afraid: God has given us armour to fight our enemies. Unlike the armour David got from Saul, this armour is custom-made for our day-to-day needs. As we begin this series, allow me to ask, "Do you want to be protected by the armour of God?"

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Action Steps

1. Ask God to help you put on His armour.
2. Confess any weak points in your current armour.
3. Thank God that He is our source of protection.
4. Pray for God to fill you with His Spirit.



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Scripture

Ephesians 6:12

"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."

Prayer

Lord Jesus

*When people wrong me, it hurts.
Please give me the strength to
show them love. Remind me that
I'm not supposed to fight
people. The devil is to blame.
I love You, Lord. Amen.*

When someone wrongs you, what's your response? If you're a typical human being (like me), you're probably upset. You may even be angry. You might want revenge. We already know that Jesus tells us to love our enemies, but it's in today's verse that we learn why. Jesus calls us to love our enemies because it's the Christlike thing to do, of course. However, He also calls us to love our enemies because human beings aren't our enemies. Human beings are fellow image bearers, made by God. Our real enemies are the satanic and demonic forces running the world. We're not fighting "that person at work", we're fighting the devil and his minions' schemes. By no means does this enable us to play a get out of jail free card. We are entirely responsible for our actions, even if the devil can influence them. Don't hear me saying that everyone should be excused from blame. That isn't the case. What I will urge you to do is remind yourself, next time someone wrongs you, remember who the enemy is. We are called to love people, not hate them. Our true enemy, the devil, is the one we're fighting.

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Action Steps

1. Ask God to reveal the name of someone who has wronged you.
2. Confess harbouring bitterness or anger towards this person.
3. Thank God that His love is greater than any worldly hate.
4. Pray that God would remind you who the real enemy is.



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Scripture

Ephesians 6:13

"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm." →

Prayer

Lord Jesus

I want Your spiritual protection against the enemy. Please help me seek You earnestly. Show me where I can grow and give me the determination to do it. →

I love You, Lord. Amen. →

I'm assuming most of us haven't fought in a war, so for the sake of this analogy, I'll tone the example down. If you live in a cold climate (like Canada), you know how brutal winter can be. The moment you step out the door on a winter day, if you aren't wearing a coat, mitts, toque, and maybe a second coat, you're gonna get frostbite fast. Without the right gear, we become human icicles. Spiritual warfare (which is against a far more vicious foe than winter) also requires equipment. It would be ridiculous to go into a spiritual battle with no armour, just like it's ridiculous to stand outside in a t-shirt during winter. You might be asking, "What is spiritual armour?" I'll give you a few ideas: reading Scripture, memorization, prayer, listening prayer, going to church, and participating in a small group. If you're unfamiliar with any of these things, find a church and ask a pastor. They would love to help equip you for the fight! That way, after the battle ends, we will remain standing. By His power, not ours.

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Action Steps

1. Ask God for one step towards donning your spiritual armour.
2. Confess being ill-equipped for the fight ahead.
3. Thank God that He wants to protect us with His armour.
4. Pray that you would joyfully seek God's protection.

