

Spiritual Warfare

Putting on the Armor —p.3

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Ephesian 6:10-18 Main Text

The Right Shoes

Have you ever tried to put on someone else shoes before that was taller, younger, older, or shorter? _____ How did it work out?

Have you ever bought shoes and you thought they felt good but later went home and they started rubbing a blister on your heels or pinched your toes? _____

Have you ever bought a pair of shoes online or just grabbed a pair off the shelf and never even tried them on, then got home to find out they were not even close to your size? _____

Have you ever went to a store, tried them on, loved them, could afford them, and walked out right then and there and it was just perfect? _____

Having the right pair of shoes every day is a bigger deal than we think. Yet we all do so many things good and bad when it comes to getting the right pair of shoes to perfectly fit the correct attire for every occasion. And when it comes to spiritual armor, well this is something we just can't get wrong!

When Paul described the armor we wear for spiritual battles, he also recognized the importance of proper shoes. Ephes 6:15 _____

Some scholars debate the meaning of this piece of armor, but the emphasis on “standing firm” in the peace of God remains clear. When we face spiritual battles, standing firm requires the right footwear.

The Roman soldier usually wore strong boots with heavy soles for protection and studded nails for traction. Particularly because the soldier often fought in hand-to-hand combat, his fittings had to be sure—a soldier who lost his footing would be vulnerable to the enemy. Indeed, even a (belt and a breastplate we spoke before) wouldn't be much help if the soldier were already on the ground. —Remember, the enemy looks for weak spots!

vs. 11, vs 13, vs 14—— read the verses: What is the key word in all of this? _____
The same word in all these passages _____, was a military term meaning “to hold onto position.” Paul was saying to all the believers, “get ready for the battle, and then stand and hold your ground.”

James 4:7 _____

1 Peter 5:8,9 _____

The enemy is “seeking us”—— were not “seeking him” —— so don’t worry about looking for the devil, he will find you. Encouraging, right? :(_____

Gospel of Peace

This may seem out of place when referring to a passage about spiritual warfare and battle. The gospel tells us about a peace we can have as sinners. Good News they call it. 2 Cor.4:3,4 Peace, as hard and as much as we might want it, does not mean it will not come.

“In this world we will have trouble....” bible says.

*****David and Goliath- 1 Sam. 17:1-51 story—— vs. 37 was his peace

John 14:27- Jesus encouragement _____

Philip.4:6,7 _____

Do you need peace right now in your spirit? _____

Proverbs 3:5,6 _____

Rom. 8:28 _____

Philip.4:13 _____

These are 3 helpful verses we need to memorize when we face our battles to “stand firm”
Are you ready? Readiness implies preparedness —— ready to do something. In fact, the text may refer to Isa.52:7 _____

Sometimes the best time to be ready to share the gospel is during someone’s battle/turmoil

God expects us to be obedient with His Word—— ready all the time. It’s a battle for the soul.

So, we have the Belt of Truth, The Breastplate of Righteousness, and now Spiritual Shoes:
what are your thoughts thus far?

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