

THE
BOOK
OF

Ephesians

THE POWER TO OVERCOME A VERY REAL BATTLE
Ephesians 6:10-24

The [ATTACK](#) is very [REAL](#).

Most people remain [IGNORANT](#) of the battle and therefore are [VICTIMS](#) instead of [VICTORS](#).

Ephesians 6:10-12

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 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.

Ephesians 6:13

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

There are very real [ACTIONS](#) we can take to [ASSURE OUR VICTORY](#) over anything the enemy would throw at us.

Ephesians 6:14-17

¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on the salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Ephesians 6:18

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus

For further reflection:

Today, we learn that our ability to experience all that God has for me is directly related to my capability to continually win a battle that is going on all around me. A battle that, unfortunately, too many people are ignorant of and therefore are significantly hindered by. The attack is very real.

We've been studying the book of Ephesians, a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the city of Ephesus. Today, in the final installment of this series, Paul talks specifically, in very clear language, about this battle. In this passage Paul talks about how real the battle is & the necessary equipment we need to be victors and not victims.

The Whole Armor of God

- *Belt of Truth* John 15:16 & Ephesians 1
- *Body Armor of God's Righteousness* 1 Corinthians 10:13
- *The Shoes of Peace* Philippians 4:6-7
- *Shield of Faith* Philippians 4:13
- *Helmet of Salvation* 1 John 5:13
- *The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God*

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Mark Your Calendars – Easter Weekend Services

GOOD FRIDAY | April 15th @ 5pm & 7pm

Bridgepointe 485 – Communion Service & Stations of the Cross Experience

EASTER SUNDAY | April 17th

8am & 10am - Bettendorf Campus

9am & 11am - Rock Island Campus



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