

A person with large, white angel wings stands in a field, looking up at a dramatic, stormy sky with dark clouds and a bright light source. The scene is overlaid with a blue and orange color gradient.

“Standing Firm”

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EPHESIANS 6:12

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How to Walk Daily in the Spirit

1. Start Each Day with Surrender
2. Read and Meditate on Scripture
3. Prayer and Thankfulness
4. Obey and Trust the Holy Spirit
5. Repent Regularly
6. Cultivate the Fruits of the Spirit
7. Use your Spiritual Gifts
8. Worship and be in Christian Community
9. Be Aware of Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6: 10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Ephesians 6: 10-20 cont.

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6: 10-20

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Be Strong in the Lord (v. 10)

- ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
- Zechariah 4:6: “So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty..

Put on the Full Armor of God (v. 11)

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- Samuel 16:7 “But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”
- Psalm 97:10a “You who love the Lord, hate evil!.....”

Spiritual Warfare Exists (v12 and v13)

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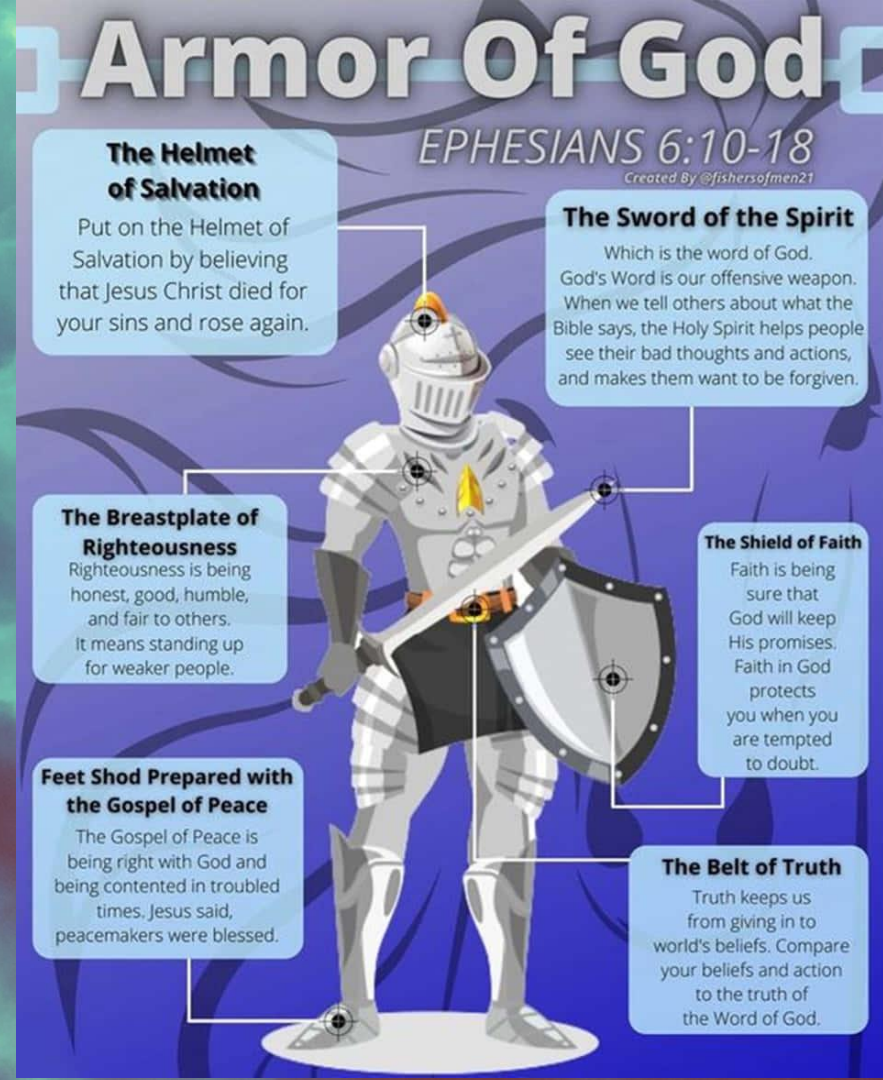
What to we Stand in (or for)

- Stand in GRACE (Romans 5:2)
- Stand in the GOSPEL (1 Corinthians 15:1)
- Stand in COURAGE and STRENGTH (1 Corinthians 16:13 “Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong”).
- Stand in FAITH (1 Corinthians 1:24 “...for it is by your own faith that you stand firm”).

What to we Stand in (or for)

- Stand in CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (Galatians 5:1)
- Stand in the CHRISTIAN UNITY (Philippians 1:27)
- Stand in the LORD (Philippians 4:1 “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord....”)
- Stand in LOVE (1 John 4:8: “But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love”).
- Stand in the WILL of GOD (Ephesians 5:17 “Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is”).

The Armor Pieces (graphic is in your message notes)



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The Belt of Truth

- Satan is the “father of lies” – John 8:44 “....He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
- TRUTH holds everything together!
- Let GOD's WORD define truth, not your feelings or culture.

Breastplate of Righteousness

- Guards our HEARTS against the seat of our emotions, decisions, and desires.
- It's not our righteousness but CHRIST's righteousness that protects us.

Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

- Peace is our **FOUNDATION** in spiritual warfare. Even in spiritual war, we can stand firm when we walk in God's peace.
- We're not just defending — We're **ADVANCING** the Kingdom of God.
- It's happening NOW!

Shield of Faith

- Christ is the AUTHOR and PERFECTOR of our faith!

Hebrews 12:2a: “We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.”)

- Faith extinguishes the “fiery darts”
- Faith says, “God is still good. In fact, God is good all the time.”

Helmet of Salvation

- Protects our MIND — the battlefield of thoughts.
- We must guard our THOUGHTS
- Salvation gives us HOPE and ASSURANCE. We are secure in Christ.

Sword of the Spirit (God's Word)

- LEARN it!
- MEMORIZE it!
- SPEAK it!
- DECLARE it!
- LIVE it!

Prayer: The Power Behind the Armor (vv.18-20)

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Stand Firm!

- Stand on Truth
- Guard Your Heart
- Walk in Peace
- Deflect Lies
- Seek Assurance
- Know God's Word
- Pray in the Spirit



Isaiah 7:9b "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at



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