



The Weapons For Standing Firm

Series: Ephesians, #20

Ephesians 6:14-17

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Theme: **Soldiers of Christ must use God's weapons for standing firm.**

1. The belt: the foundation of truth. (14; see also Isaiah 11:5)
2. The breastplate: the protection of righteousness.
(14; see also Isaiah 59:17; Acts 3:14; Romans 5:17; Ephesians 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21, 6:1-10)
3. The shoes: the preparation of the gospel of peace.
(15; see also Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:15)
4. The shield: the defense of faith. (16; see also Romans 12:3; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 5:4)
5. The helmet: the security in salvation.
(17; see also Romans 8:1; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 1:13)
6. The sword: the power in God's Word.
(17; see also Isaiah 11:4; Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:12; James 4:7)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read 6:10-20. Yesterday we looked at the weapons God provides for us to stand firm against Satan's attacks. Have you been actively engaging the battle this last week? Have you been using God's resources and holding your ground? Can you point to times where you did?

Tuesday. Read 6:14-17, focusing on the first two weapons in verse 14. Write out a description of what each one is and how you can and should be using them. When temptations or pressures come today, cinch up the belt of truth and stand firm with your breastplate of righteousness on.

Wednesday. Read 6:14-17, focusing on the third and fourth weapons in verses 15-16. What is "the preparation of the gospel of peace," and what does it mean to use it? The shield of faith is your defense. It's mid-week. Do a *faith check*, reviewing specific times where you have and/or have not trusted God.

Thursday. Read 6:14-17, focusing on the last two weapons God provides, listed in verse 17. Why is your salvation like a helmet? What security does it give you today in your spiritual battles? The power to stand firm comes from God through the Spirit's sword—the Bible. Keep growing in it and using it to stand firm.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to conclude this series by looking at 6:18-20. Read and think through these verses as you prepare for our time of worship together.