

**RENOVATE:
ULTIMATE BATTLE GEAR**

Ephesians 6:10 –24
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MESSAGE NOTES

It's a battle out there.

1. Be strong IN THE LORD and in His power (not your own).
2. Stand firm in this war against evil.
3. Your enemy is scheming.

There is an enemy. He is real. And he is intent and active, working against you day by day, moment by moment. His goal? To keep you from experiencing the results of the victory that is already yours in Christ. — Priscilla Shirer, The Full Armor of God

The enemy of our soul strategizes day and night to get us to settle for bios life so we will never taste the hell-shattering fullness of zoe. God is the source of life through His provision. The enemy is the source of lies through his perversion. What we consume will consume us. It's our choice whether we are consuming God's life or the enemy's lies. — Lysa TerKeurst, Finding I AM Study Guide

Getting outfitted:

1. Belt of truthfulness
2. Breastplate of righteousness
3. Boots going out with the message of peace with God
4. Shield of faith with which to extinguish our enemy's arrows
5. Helmet of salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God

Then keep praying!

*The visible world daily bludgeons us with its things and events. But instead of shouting and shoving, the spiritual world whispers at us ever so gently. ... Nearly all areas of life in which we could become spiritually competent (hearing God, praying, receiving guidance, leadership) confront us with the same type of challenge. They all require of us a choice to be a spiritual person, to live a spiritual life. We are required to "bet our life" that the visible world, while real, is not reality itself. — Dallas Willard, *Hearing God**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Take some time to read through Ephesians 6 from verse 10 through the end of the chapter.
- Was there anything that really hit home from this past weekend's message?
- How would you describe Satan from a Biblical point of view?
- If you simply asked people on the street what they think of Satan, what sort of responses might you get?
- Ephesians tells us that Satan is real, and that he is working against our faith. How have you experienced that opposition in your own spiritual journey?
- Take some time to think through each of the six pieces of spiritual protection we have. How would you describe each one in practical terms?
- Paul emphasizes the importance of staying prayerful. Why is prayer so central to spiritual strength? How does prayer relate to every other part of our battle gear?
- Is there one of the six you'd like to be more aware of in your daily routines and how might that greater awareness actually help you this week?