

“Belt of Truth”

1.Our Identity As A Soldier

2.Suffering As A Calling

“Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits,” *2 Tim. 2:2-4*

3.Serving As A Lifestyle

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” *Romans 12:1-2*

4.Freed From Entangling Sins

“let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,” *Hebrews 12:1*

5.Girded From Being Sidetracked

“looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,” *Hebrews 12:2*

“Helmet of Salvation”

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” *Rom. 12:2*

1. Detective Mind

“Now these Jews were more noble....., they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” *Acts 17:11*

2. Discerning Ears

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.” *1 John 4:1*

3. Disciplined Mouth

“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.” *James 1:26*

4. Discriminating Eyes

“For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.” *1 John 2:16*

“Shield of Faith”

“But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.” *2 Thessalonians 3:3*

1. Confidence, His Character

Faith Based on God’s Record *Deuteronomy 7:9*

Faith Based on God’s Word *2 Tim. 3:16, John 17:17*

Faith Based on God’s Covering

Thessalonians 3:3, Psalm 18:2

Faith Based on God’s Promises *1 Corinthians 15:3*

Faith Based on God’s Character *Romans 1:19-20*

2. Covering, His Care

“He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.” *Psalm 91:4*

3. Comradarie, His Church

“This is my commandment, that you love one another
as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than
this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:12

“Boots On The Ground”

“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,” 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

1. Gospel Grounded

From First Gospel/the ProtoEvangelium, *Genesis 3:15*

To the Fulfillment/Road to Emmaus. *Luke 24:27*

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” *Romans 1:16*

2. Gospel Grippped

“I can do all things through him.....” *Phillippians 4:13*

“...for apart from me you can do nothing.” *Johm 15:5*

“stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” *1 Cor. 16:13*

3. Gospel Going

“Go Into All World *Mark 16:15*

“How Beautiful Upon The Mountain...” *Isaiah 52:7*

“Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet” *Psalms 119:105*

“Ponder The Path Of Your Feet” *Proverbs 4:26*

“Breastplate of Righteousness”

“With all diligence, guard the heart: for out of it are the issues of life.” *Proverbs 4:23*

1. Guard The Heart

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” *Jeremiah 17:9*

“The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” *Luke 6:45*

2. Grow The Heart

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” *Psalms 37:4*

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” *Psalms 51:10*

3. Give Heed To Desires

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” *Matthew 6:21*

“I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.” *Jeremiah 17:10*

“Sword Of The Spirit”

“It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” *Matt. 4:4*

1. Prioritize the Word

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

2. Possess the Word Mentally

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” *Joshua 1:8*

3. Your Greatest Possession

“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” *Psalms 119:11*

4. Possess The Word Physically

“But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.” *Luke 22:36*

“Praying In The Spirit”

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” *Colossians 4:2*

1. Put On Armor With Prayer

“I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.” *John 17:23*

2. Preoccupied In Prayer

“Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.” *Ephesians 6:18*

3. Praying In God’s Program

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.” *1 John 5:14*

4. Praying In God’s Pattern

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:” *Matthew 6:7-9*

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Week 8-Small Group Questions/Discussion

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth....”

Pick one or two questions below that resonate with you, and share your thoughts with the group.

1. What has been the most intense season of suffering that you have experienced?
2. How would have putting on the full armor have benefited you in that time?
3. What piece of armor most helps you in your daily walk and your growing relationship with Christ?