

Inspiration Inspiration



from the Pastor's Pen

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"Put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand." Ephesians 6:13.

There is so much discontent in the world today. Where we should be found working in harmony with one another, there is discord. When I consider some of the recent conflicts in my life, I have to thank God, for I know it means that my breakthrough is near. When everything around me appears to be going wrong, I recognize that the Devil is busy trying to stop me from my prize.

We are told that we must "withstand the test" in order to see God's goodness in our life. To combat that test or trial, we must be willing to put on the full armor of God. When we read Paul's accounts in Ephesians we see that the tension between good and evil is like warfare. Evil is real and is not going to go away. However, if we strengthen our faith and be resolved to not let our circumstances guide our decisions, but let God order our steps, we will prevail.

When you put on the WHOLE armor of God, make sure you have:

- The belt of truth -- live by God's truth, not your own
- The breastplate of righteousness -- do what is right for yourself and others
- The footwear of the gospel of peace -- seek peace within your heart to guide your steps
- The shield of faith -- believe in Him who strengthens you
- The helmet of salvation -- know that Jesus is your savior
- The sword of the Spirit -- the word of God, study and read daily

Being equipped with the entire armor of God, you can stand well grounded against the forces of evil that "no weapon formed against me shall prosper." Don't put on the armor of God sometimes, put it on daily. For when you are dressed in God's armor you will stand strong and secure in the warfare against evil.

God bless,

Faithfully and Prayerfully,
Pastor Sandy