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Ephesians 6:10-17 (NLT)

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. 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."

QUOTE:

*"We are not fighting for victory, but from victory, for Jesus Christ has already defeated Satan."
- Kenneth E. Hagin –*

Pastor's Big Point:

Prayer serves as our primary weapon in the ongoing spiritual warfare that surrounds us daily. By adorning ourselves in the full armor of God, we are not merely preparing to ask for divine assistance; we are actively equipping ourselves to confront and overcome the spiritual adversities that impede our path. This armor, coupled with fervent prayer, empowers us to stand firm against the devil's schemes, ensuring our spiritual vitality and progress. It underscores that our battles are not just against visible challenges but against a spectrum of spiritual forces that require divine strength to defeat. In this way, prayer and the Armor of God together form a robust defense and a proactive strategy for spiritual victory.

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Discussion

"If you had to pick your favorite piece of armor, what would it be and why?"



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Engaging in Spiritual Warfare through Prayer

Pastor's Teaching Points

1. Understanding the Armor of God

Comprehensive Protection

2. The Role of Prayer in Spiritual Warfare

Engaging the Enemy

3. Practical Steps to Engaging in Spiritual Warfare

Routine of Readiness

Reference Scriptures:

James 4:7 (NLT) "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NLT) "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."

Discussion Question:

1. How do you assess your spiritual readiness on a daily basis? What practices or indicators help you determine if you are fully equipped with the Armor of God?
2. Can you share an instance when faith played a crucial role in overcoming a spiritual challenge?
3. What strategies do you find most effective in maintaining your spiritual defenses in times of adversity?