



Ephesians
*Finding Your Place,
Finding Your Way*

How

To Stand

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Ephesians 6:10-6:24

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.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

21 Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. 22 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

23 Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Discussion Questions

What does it feel like to have trouble standing or to be completely unable to stand?

Have you ever felt this way emotionally or spiritually?

How does the idea that we are called to 'put on armor' make you feel?

What do you think about the enemy described in verses 12-13? Do you believe we are in a battle?

Reading through the list of the armor, do you feel that you've ever worn any of this equipment?

In what way have you let the power of God work in you?

Does it seem odd in verse 13 that the goal is described as simply to remain standing?

What does this mean to you?

Have you ever only been able to stand through God's power?