



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Home Worship Guide

Armour of God

We're going into battle every single day. While it may not be a battle of flesh and blood, it is even more real than that. The reality of our spiritual battle cannot be overstated. We must be prepared to go to battle by putting on the Armour of God.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Belt of Truth

Read: Ephesians 6:10-14a

It is time to prepare for battle. Our text this week tells us how “we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the ruler... authorities... cosmic powers... and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” This means the battle we have on our horizon is not one you’ll fight in your backyard. It will be a battle for your mind and heart. A battle requires you to be outfitted with certain spiritual equipment. The first of these is a “belt of truth.” In the 1st century, soldiers would wear a belt in which they would attach their weapon (the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God). Having a belt of truth is important because the devil is a liar (John 8:44). You’ll be fed lies during your life. One lie you’ll run into is “God doesn’t exist.” We should combat these lies with truth, truth like the Word of God. Truth like Psalm 14:1, “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’” On the battlefield of life, we combat lies with truth.

Do you find it interesting “truth” is the first virtue mentioned here? There seems to be a foundational element since truth is listed as the first of these many virtues. Also, it is described as a belt. The belt wraps all the way around you, just like the truth. Truth should totally wrap around our lives. To find complete truth, we look to the Word of God. This is why we should be in God’s Word every day. This will keep the truth at the forefront of your life, which keeps you prepared for the battle for your mind and heart.

Discussion Questions:

What are some lies we run into in life? What truth from God’s Word can we combat with?

Pray

Pray you would always be reminded of the truth when you need it most.

Sing

*Christ the True
and Better Adam*

CHRIST THE TRUE AND BETTER ADAM

Christ, the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden
Never yielded, never sinned
He, who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying, He reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head

Christ, the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh, what full and boundless love

Chorus:

Amen! Amen!
From beginning to end
Christ the story, His the glory
Alleluia! Amen!

Christ, the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through

Christ, the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty king
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered
Crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er His people be



TUESDAY

Breastplate of /Righteousness

Read: Ephesians 6:10-14; 1 Thess. 5:7-8

How can we wear a breastplate of righteousness if “there is none who does good”? None of us are righteous. Not a single one of us does good. If this is the truth, how can we have any right to wear righteousness? Well, it is because of Christ. It is due to Christ’s imputed righteousness to us (2 Cor 5:21) we have the right to wear this breastplate of righteousness. When Satan accuses you, your protection is Christ’s righteousness, not your own. Without Christ’s righteousness, you’re left vulnerable to spiritual attacks. This is why you rely solely on Christ’s righteousness in the battle for your heart, as the breastplate covers your heart and your other vital organs. Righteousness is also spoken of as being a part of the new self found in us as a part of the transformation which takes place in the life of the believer (Eph. 4:24). Righteousness protects us from the evil onslaught from Satan. Thus, a life filled with unrighteousness also acts as an open invitation to Satan and his demonic forces. We must live righteous lives which glorify God, as it is for our good. In this way, God’s glory is our for our good.

Another breastplate is mentioned in 1 Thessalonians 5:7-8. This breastplate is made of faith and love, guarding us against heart attacks. The heart needs to be protected from sinfulness, and it is protected through faith working in love. Faith is something motivating us from within and we use love to show evidence of inward faith. When we have union with Christ, the breastplate of faith, love, and righteousness protects our hearts from sin and corruption.

Discussion Question

What does "Christ's righteousness imputed to us" mean?

Pray

Pray for God to equip you with t faith, love, and righteousness to protect you from sin.

Sing

He Will Hold Me Fast

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last



WEDNESDAY

Shoes of Gospel Readiness

Read: Ephesians 6:15

Roman soldiers wore shoes which were more like our modern day sandals. These sandals had spikes on the bottom for sure footing and stand firm during battle. Paul is harkening back to this imagery as he speaks of having shoes of gospel readiness. Roman soldiers had to be ready at all times to go to battle and fight for national honor. Paul's imagery is depicting something similar. His encouragement to the Ephesian believers, and also to us, is for us all to be ready at all times to share the gospel. We should put on the shoes which prepare us to share the gospel daily. This gospel is described as a gospel of peace. This tells us how our circumstances in our lives should not dictate when we should be proclaiming the gospel message. We should be ready in season and out of season to preach the gospel (2 Timothy 4:2). Lace up those sandals of good news and be ready to proclaim the gospel!

We must know what the gospel is because how can we proclaim the gospel if we do not know what it is? First, we must remember all are sinners. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We must turn from our sins and turn toward Christ. To do this, we must believe in Jesus and His resurrection. This should lead us to confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10). Friends, love this message and share it with others.

Discussion Question:

What does it practically mean to be "ready at all times" to share the gospel?

Pray

Pray for God to give you opportunities to share the gospel with others.

Sing

It is Well with My Soul

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Chorus:

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!



THURSDAY

Shield of Faith and Helmet of Salvation

Read: Ephesians 6:16-17a

The shield of Romans in battle was a large, oblong, and oval door-like piece which would be big enough for them to hide behind when arrows were raining down from above. It is no surprise or coincidence Paul describes faith as a shield. Our faith protects us when the devil fires his arrows. Our faith defends us in desperate times. You see, our faith is a part of the armour given to us by God to protect us from the onslaught of arrows from the devil. When we are tempted to sin, faith reminds us to stand firm in our belief. When hardships come and we're faced with a circumstance in our lives making us think, "I can't take this," our shield of faith gives us the encouragement to continue on, despite our negative circumstances. A wise man once said "faith" is acting like God is telling the truth. The shield of faith is the piece of armour giving us the confidence to be obedient to God in times of trouble.

The helmet of salvation protects the head. Your mind needs protection as it goes into battle with your helmet of salvation. We must protect our thinking. We must clearly understand the gospel of salvation (see yesterday's study) to understand the power of salvation. We must keep the helmet of salvation firmly on our heads. This provides us with the strength we need to think the way God thinks. We must avoid using our own human wisdom and lean firmly into God's wisdom.

Discussion Questions:

How does your faith help you respond to temptation in the moment?

Pray

Thank God for equipping you for the spiritual battle at hand.

Sing

There is a Name I Love to Hear

THERE IS A NAME I LOVE TO HEAR

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Chorus:

O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea.

It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below.



FRIDAY

The Sword of the Spirit

Read: Ephesians 6:17-20

Up to this point, we only have defensive portions of the Armour of God. Today, our last day, we cover the only offensive piece of the Armour of God: the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. You'll notice how the devil is described using flaming arrows but the Armour of God uses a weapon which requires you to get close enough to use it effectively. To use the sword, you can't stand far off but you have to be up close and personal. The Word of God is something which draws people together in close proximity. It is sharp enough to pierce through bone and marrow (Hebrews 4:12). When Jesus was tempted in the desert, he used the Word of God to fight against the devil's temptations. We too must learn to fight our battles with the Word of God. We cannot rely on our own human wisdom or strength; these weapons will fail. We must use a better weapon- a weapon sharper than any two-edged sword.

We see the Triune God at work in the Armour of God. Of course we see the Father simply in the name "Armour of God." Within the helmet of salvation, we see the Son, Jesus Christ, as the means of our salvation. The Sword of the Spirit, reminds us of the work of the Holy Spirit in the Armour of God. The Armour of God is an act of our Triune God to equip us for the spiritual battles in store for us on this side of glory.

Discussion Questions:

Why is it significant Jesus used Scripture when He was tempted?

Pray

Pray for God to prepare you for battle with His Word.

Sing

Redeemed

REDEEMED

Redeemed—how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,
His child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose way I delight;
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps,
And giveth me songs in the night.



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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Worship

8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

