THE FIGHT
PART 3

BOTTOM LINE

The fight is different when you're battle ready.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

In this series, we're talking about spiritual warfare. There's a real battle happening beneath the surface of everyday life. We'll learn to recognize the fight, understand the enemy's strategy, and find hope in the victory Jesus has already won. The fight is real. But it isn't final!

SCRIPTURE

"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." // Ephesians 6:11

"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions." // Ephesians 6:14–18

"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." // Colossians 2:15

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Read Ephesians 6:11. According to Paul, how can we prepare to stand against the spiritual forces that come against us?
- Which piece of armor stands out to you the most? Which piece of the armor do you think is the easiest to overlook? Which piece of the armor do you need to more intentionally put on right now?

- The sword of the Spirit is the only offensive weapon. What does it look like to fight back when it comes to spiritual warfare?
- Roman soldiers never fought alone. Who is one person you can "lock shields" with this week by encouraging them or asking for prayer?
- What's one practical step you can take this week to prepare for spiritual battles before they happen?
- Small Group Activity: Each day this week, have the group focus on one piece of armor to intentionally put on. Stay connected via your group message!
    - Monday – Belt of truth.
    - Tuesday – Breastplate of righteousness
    - Wednesday – Shoes of gospel of peace
    - Thursday – Shield of faith
    - Friday – Helmet of salvation
    - Saturday – Sword of the Spirit

Each morning, have someone message the group as a reminder to put on that piece of armor and include a definition to go along with it.

UPCOMING

- Friendsgiving - November 29th. Breakfast for dinner. Laid back, lots of fun.
- CIY Move - 9 spots left!! June 28 - July 1 in Bloomington, IN.

PRAY TOGETHER

Dear God, thank you for this armor. Help us to intentionally put it on, so we can be prepared for whatever comes our way. Thank you for this group that can help us fight the good fight. Amen.