

OUTLINE- IN IT TO WIN IT, THE BREASTPLATE

A FIGHT TO THE FINISH

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INTRODUCTION

"Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet." Ephesians 6

- We can't win in our own strength!
- it's not a matter of if a body blow attack is coming– it is we can count on it!
- Satan only needs a small opening in your armor to take you down!

"What exactly is righteousness?"

"In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God." 1 Corinthians 1:30 (MSG)

"You can readily recall, can't you, how at one time the more you did just what you felt like doing—not caring about others, not caring about God—the worse your life became and the less freedom you had? And how much different is it now as you live in God's freedom, your lives healed and expansive in holiness?" Romans 6:19 (MSG)

"He used his servant body to carry our sins to the Cross so we could be rid of sin, free to live the right way." 1 Peter 2:24 (MSG)

The breastplate of righteousness is the living out of a holy, Christ-like God-honoring life.

Winning your spiritual fight demands that you live a holy, Christ-like God-honoring life!

"Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16 (MSG)

Are you striving to be holy in ALL of your conduct?

"But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted." 1 Peter 2:9 (MSG)

Does your life speak out the night and day difference of Jesus Christ, made in you?

“So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.” Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)

What are you doing with your—everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life?