

**Wake Up! You’re at War.**

Lesson 3

Ephesians 6:10-20

The book of Ephesians is a glorious display of theology about the church and Jesus. One word that Paul used frequently was the word “**walk**.” Although we understand a basic understanding of this word, Paul uses it to describe how we live our everyday lives. From chapter 4 to the end of the book, Paul told these believers in Ephesus to **walk** in unity, holiness, love, light, and wisdom.

At the very end of the book, he surprisingly changes the tone by telling them not just to **walk**, but to **stand**. Paul told them about an important spiritual reality: “Christian, you’re at war.” As he finished off his letter to the Ephesians, Paul wanted to help prepare them to stand strong in the midst of spiritual warfare. He told them to stay ready for spiritual warfare by following these three commands.

**Be Strong in the Lord (vs. 10-13).[[1]](#footnote-1)**

* What should we do? Be strong in the Lord (v. 10).
* How can we do it? By putting on the armor of God (v. 11a).
* Why should we do it? So that we can stand against the devil’s attacks (vs. 11b-13).

**Stand in your Armor (vs. 14-16).**

* Our mandate is to stand (v. 14a).
* Our method is to arm ourselves (vs. 14b-16).
  + The belt of truth: Truth is essential for the entire battle.
  + The breastplate of righteousness: Living with integrity protects your heart.
  + The shoes of the preparation of the Gospel of peace: The Gospel is the only path to peace in our world.
  + The shield of faith: Trusting God is the best protection against Satan’s attacks.

**Secure your Last Pieces (vs. 17-20).**

* Our mandate is to take (v. 17a).
  + The helmet of salvation: Confidence in our salvation gives us confidence as we fight.
  + The sword of the Spirit: The Word of God allows us to fight back!
* Our method is to stay prayerfully alert (vs. 18-20).

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

**College Student of the Night: Liam Donovan**

* Healing from recent ankle surgery
* Wisdom for the future
* Encouragement for his spirit as he recovers

**Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:**

* Cross Impact IUPUI-
  + Involvement Expo this week
  + Evangelistic Studies beginning
* Single Focus
  + February Activity
  + God’s Leading for 2023
* Cross Impact Efforts at Purdue, UIndy, IUPUI, & Ball State

**Specific Requests:**

* Dornbirers’ dad continued cancer journey
* Jack and Kendall Elms in military training/service
* Henry’s unsaved friend Jeff
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for a second job and community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Gabe’s back and knee issues
* Jack Elms’ military Bible study

**Announcements:**

* February 10- Pacers Game



1. Some portions of this outline came from Harold Hoehner’s “Ephesians: An Exegetical Commentary.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)