

13 Therefore <u>put on</u> every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then, after the battle you will still be standing firm. Ephesians 6:13 (NLT)

To Dress for Spiritual War, I must clothe myself with:

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| 2. Equipment: 14 and the body armor of God's righteousness. | Ephesians 6:14b |
| Satan's Scheme: you to | you. |
| 3. Equipment: 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good will be fully prepared. | l News so that you Ephesians 6:15 |
| Satan's Scheme: you to | you. |

| 4. Equipment: | |
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| ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fi | |
| arrows of the devil. Ephesiar | ıs 6:16 |
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| Satan's Scheme:you through (1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:10) | • |
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| 5. Equipment: | |
| 5. Equipment: 17 Put on salvation as your helmet, Ephesian. | s 6·17a |
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| 6. Equipment: | |
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| Ephesian | s 6:17b |
| (Hebreu |)s 4:12) |
| Satan's Scheme: Surrender your | |
| (John 8:44; Matthew 4:4) | |
| 7. Equipment: | |
| 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert an | d be |
| persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. 19 And pray | |
| me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain | |
| mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. | 20 I |
| am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassado | r. So |
| pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should. | |
| Ephesians 6 | :18-20 |
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| Satan's Scheme: Make you feel | |
| (John 10:10; Romans 8:38-39) | |

Discussion Questions

- 1. What was your "A-Ha" from Sunday's message? Why?
- 2. What was your favorite dress-up (Halloween?) costumes as a kid? Why those?
- 3. According to Ephesians 6:13-17, what are the "pieces of armor" that we are to "put on"? What does Paul mean by each of the pieces? What is the purpose of each? Which are defensive? Which are offensive?
- 4. How does prayer fit into our armor and battle? (Ephesians 6:18-20)
- 5. As you consider your armor, what parts are in good shape? What is rusty? What do you need to do to get ready for battle?
- 6. The Bible's assumption is that Jesus Followers are in a war and we live on a battleground. What evidence do you see of battle in your life? Our church? Our community? Our nation? Our world?
- 7. What would it mean for you "to stand" in these particular battlefields?
- 8. As a group, memorize Ephesians 6:13-18 & Colossians 3:12-14.

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