

# STRONGER



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**Ephesians 6:10-20** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

**Isaiah 11:5** Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

**Isaiah 49:2** He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

**Isaiah 52:7** How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

**Isaiah 59:17** He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

## To Find Strength in the Lord, I Need to Put on the Armor

### The One Thing:

To Put on the Armor is

To Become \_\_\_\_\_ Like \_\_\_\_\_.

## Four Principles for Becoming More Like Jesus:

1. The Armor is Not a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Ephesians 6:11, 13**
2. The Armor is More \_\_\_\_\_ Than \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Ephesians 6:14-17**
3. My Armor is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Truth – John 14:6** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Righteousness – 1 Corinthians 1:30** It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Peace – John 14:27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**Ephesians 2:14** For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, . . .

**Faith – Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Salvation – Acts 4:12** Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

**Word – John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Prayer – Hebrews 10:19-20** Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, . . .

4. Putting on the Armor Looks a Lot Like \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ephesians 6:13**

**Ephesians 4:22-27** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold.