

# You Were Made for This: Putting on Armour

Standing firm in your faith

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The devil's schemes:

1. Blinds the minds of unbelievers.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

2. Steals God's Word from you.

When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. Matthew 13:19

3. Sets traps to ensnare you.

...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:26

4. Fights to stop your growth.

For we wanted to come to you - certainly I, Paul, did, again and again - but Satan blocked our way. 1 Thessalonians 2:18

5. To ultimately destroy you.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

Putting on the Armour of God:

Therefore put on the **full armour 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. 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. Ephesians 6:13-17 NIV

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are the ways that the “father of lies” has twisted truth in your life? What half-truths have you been tempted to believe?
2. Which of the six aspects of the “armour of God” is most needed in your life right now?