

Spiritual Warfare

Armor:
Shoes of Peace
Message 4

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► Outline

Stand firm ... with your feet fitted with ... readiness ... from the gospel of peace.
Ephesians 6:14-15 (NIV)

A. Introduction

**(Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 5:1; Ephesians 6:13-15;
Philippians 4:6-7)**

Peace with God _____ me for battle.

B. How readiness to witness resists spiritual enemies:

1. Provides _____.

(Acts 20:24; Romans 10:13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:11,18-21)

2. Promotes _____.
**(1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Colossians 4:5-6;
1 Peter 2:11-12; 3:15-16)**

3. Prevents _____.
**(Act 1:8; Romans 1:16-17; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5;
2 Timothy 1:7-8)**

Answers: A. prepares B. 1. purpose 2. righteousness 3. fear

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► Discussion Guide

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Conversation Starter

Recall a moment you received news that was so good you could hardly believe it. How did you react? Did you tell anyone? Why or why not?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Ephesians 6:13-15.

The apostle Paul listed several pieces of armor worn by Roman soldiers to teach us about the spiritual armor given to us by God. This week our focus is on the *shoes of peace*.

1. Soldiers' shoes (often called *half-boots*) were made of leather which protected their feet and made them ready for battle. How does having peace with God prepare you for battle? See also Romans 5:1-2.
2. Describe a time you experienced peace with God. How would your life be different if you felt that sense of peace more often?
3. Who in your life might be ready to hear what it means to have peace with God? What steps can you take to have a faith-conversation with them?

Read Romans 10:13-15.

4. What is the Gospel?
5. Who first told you about Jesus? How did you respond?
6. Think of a friend or family member who isn't saved. What would their life be like if they never heard the Gospel?
7. What are ways you've come to know Jesus that might inspire them to know more? See also 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.

8. How does a person become reconciled with God?
9. What does it mean to be an ambassador? How would your life be different if you thought of yourself as an ambassador of Christ more often?
10. The shoes soldiers wore were often fitted with nails or spikes to hold them firmly in the ground. How confident are you in sharing the Gospel with others? Explain how sharing with others makes you feel. See also 2 Timothy 1:7-8.
11. What common questions or objections do people have about Jesus? How can you prepare to respond?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these practices become a regular part of your life so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Write down ways the Good News of Jesus has changed your life.

Memory Verse

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)**

Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Matthew 28:18-20 | Day 4: 2 Corinthians 5:11 |
| Day 2: Romans 5:1-2 | Day 5: Romans 1:16-17 |
| Day 3: Philippians 4:6-7 | |

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 16, we'll continue the series *Spiritual Warfare*. To prepare, read **Psalm 18:30-36** and **Romans 4:18-25**.

