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Bible Sunday

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Theme: Heal, Restore and Life

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)

Armour of God metaphors of grace. Wear the armour daily as we are in a constant spiritual battle.

1. Defensive armour to restore Belt Metaphor for truth which creates integrity and motivates to action Defence against lies, fake news, half truths Breastplate Metaphor for righteousness which is the outward expression of integrity Living right, rooted in right thinking and right feeling / emotions Defence against doubts whether we are right with God Feet Metaphor to take the Gospel where it needs to be Gospel of peace = reconciliation to all of humanity **Defence** against giving up where there is opposition or rejection Shield Metaphor for faith to protect us from Satan's enmity to give up Metaphor for faith to protect us from Satan's opposition to thwart the will and purpose of God **Defence** against giving up when we suffer, experience hardship

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Helmet Metaphor for salvation. Mind is the "what" of faith and motivates our emotional response

The "what" of our faith is the Creeds

Defence against "mind games" people play when we suffer, meet opposition, prayers not answered

2. Offensive armour to heal

Sword Metaphor for Spirit's inspiration of sharing the Gospel of peace

Reveal the essence of God's purposes for humanity through stories and history

Two-edged sword = 2 cut to the heart of the matter that brings healing

Defence to neutralise the enemy

3. Prayer is Life

Believe in the defensive and offensive armour

Pray for yourself, the Lord's people, preachers and bold preaching

Ask to wear it daily and be aware of God's grace

Use armour to heal, restore and make life worthwhile