

4. STEPS FOR KNOWING THE TRUTH

John 8:31-32 (NIV) "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'"

1. S _____ the word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching..."
2. M _____ on the word of God (Joshua 1:8) "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night... then you will be prosperous and successful."
3. P _____ with his word. (Ps. 138:1-2)
4. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide you (John 16:13) "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."
5. Be connected to a Church that teaches and preaches God's Word (Acts 2:42 and Matthew 16:18)

AWAKE! PRAYER ACTION

1. Pray and Praise for 15 minutes each morning
2. Fast 3 meals during this week (Read your Bible and Pray)

PRAYER FOCUS

1. Rebuke the storm of the pandemic- the covid-19 virus.
2. Pray for a covering over people and healing for those in need.
3. Pray for a vaccine for virus and cures for others.
4. Pray for people to turn to Jesus at this time for answers and salvation.
5. Pray for people's jobs, careers, finances, families and fears.
6. Pray for our leaders- both local and federal.
7. Pray for our church members and leaders.
8. Pray for our iConnect Groups and for our church to connect and grow.
9. Pray for those who are vulnerable and connect with them.
10. Pray for the justice movement; removal of inequality and racism. God is for justice which is the removal of oppression.
11. Pray for revival- an outpouring of God's Spirit for this generation.
12. Pray for all of our churches: Janet in Taichung, Pastor Julia in Kaohsiung and Pastor Joseph in Taipei. Pastor Liliana in Mexico City (Looking for a new church home). Pastor Becky Bauer in Melbourne, AU.

AWAKE!

A Call for the Church
to Engage in
Spiritual Warfare

ARMED AND DANGEROUS- THE BELT OF TRUTH (WEEK 4)

ROMANS 13:11-12 (NKJV)

"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to **AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP**; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the **ARMOR OF LIGHT**."

EPHESIANS 6:10-18 (NIV)

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD** so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 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. 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. **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. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

GETTING FAMILIAR WITH THE ARMOR OF GOD:

While imprisoned in Rome (in 60-61 A.D.), Paul wrote several epistles:

Paul would have become familiar with the wardrobe and weapons of the Roman soldiers while he was incarcerated.

Paul writes in Ephesians 6:11 & 13 to put on the _____ armor of God.

When Paul speaks of the six pieces of the armor of God, he is using physical items to highlight _____

FOUR TYPES OF SOLDIERS IN THE CHURCH

1. Those who know nothing about the armor are _____ soldiers
2. Those who know something about the armor, but don't wear it are _____ soldiers
3. Those who only put on some of the armor are _____ soldiers
4. Those who put on the full armor of God are _____ soldiers

TWO IMPORTANT REASONS TO HAVE ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD:

1. Verse 11 says "Put on the full armor of God so that you can _____"

How does Satan operate?

Example: Eve in the garden of Eden

2. Verse 13 says "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that _____"

WHY I NEED THE BELT OF TRUTH:

1. THE FUNCTION OF THE BELT OF TRUTH

*Ephesians 6:14 "Stand firm then, with the **BELT OF TRUTH** buckled around your waist..."*

TWO FUNCTIONS OF A ROMAN SOLDIER'S BELT:

- _____
- _____

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BELT OF TRUTH

Jesus explains truth for us.

John 17:17 (NKJV) "Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth."

Romans 12:2 (NIV) "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind..."

Definition of "Truth" is: _____

Truth is not based on how you _____ or _____

3. THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS HATES THE TRUTH

Jesus explains for us how Satan operates.

John 8:44 (NIV) "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

The reason why believing a lie is so critical is because it _____

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NKJV) "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

"High Thing" (#5313, Hypsoma) _____