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CHRISTIAN CONFLICT

EPH 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the *schemes of the devil*. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to *withstand in the evil day*, and having done all, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

1. THE STRUGGLE IS REAL FOLKS!!

- Realize we are in a fight! Real enemies.
World, Flesh, Devil.
 - Devils schemes.
 - Day of evil.

2. IT IS SPIRITUAL NOT FLESH AND BLOOD

JOHN 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”

3. IT IS PERSONAL. LK 22:31-32

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

4. IT IS CONTINUAL HEBREWS 3:13

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

5. IT IS A BATTLE OF THE MIND AND HEART

James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

6. IT IS FOUGHT WITH THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT

Psalm 18:32–36 the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. **33** He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. **34** He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. **35** You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great. **36** You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.