



## LIVING TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY Ephesians 6:10-18

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On this Memorial Day, as we think of those who died in battle, we need to translate their sacrifice into an understanding of what it means to live to fight another day.

### **I. In the Battle You Must Know Your Enemy.**

- A. The enemy is not “flesh and blood” (note: Paul is “in chains”). v. 12
- B. The enemy is the “devil” — “the evil one.” vv. 11, 16
  - 1. The devil whom Christ confronted in the wilderness. Luke 4:2
  - 2. The devil whom Christ defeated on the cross. Hebrews 2:14-15
  - 3. The devil who prowls like a lion looking to devour. 1 Peter 5:8-9
  - 4. The devil whose strategies are crafty and cunning. v. 11
  - 5. The devil who grasps any opening the believer gives him. 4:27
- C. The enemy, the devil, has “spiritual forces of evil” available to him. v. 12
  - 1. These spiritual forces operate in “the heavenlies.”
  - 2. These spiritual powers are subject to the Risen Christ. 1:21

### **II. In the Battle You Must Obey Your Orders.**

- A. “Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.”
  - 1. The command is to us to “be strengthened.”
  - 2. The power is His to do the strengthening.
- B. “Stand against” the subtle attacks of the evil one. v. 11
- C. “Withstand” in the day of unique pressure—“the day of evil.” v. 13
- D. “Stand...after you have done everything.” v. 13
- E. Put on the whole armor of God. vv. 11, 13; See Isaiah 11, 52, 59
- F. Be constantly alert and pray on all occasions in the Spirit. vv. 18-20

### **III. In the Battle You Must Use Your Equipment.**

- A. “The belt of truth”: biblical truth and moral integrity. v. 14a
- B. “The breastplate of righteousness”: “right” with God; living “rightly.” v. 14b
- C. The well shod feet: the firm footing of peace through the gospel. v. 15
- D. “The shield of faith”: trusting dependence protects against fiery darts. v. 16
- E. “The helmet of salvation”: the saved mind; a head held high. v. 17a
- F. “The sword of the Spirit—the Word of God”: offensive; defensive. v. 17b

**Points to Ponder:** Life is a battle, no one is exempt. We're called to fight and win.