

The Armour Series: Week 4 Devotions

In week 4 of the Armour Series we explored the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace.

Day One

Read:

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)

Engage:

When we have our shoes on, we're able to walk anywhere without fear. In the same way, when we have the "shoes" (preparation of the gospel of peace), there is nothing outside of us that can give us enough reason to be afraid of preaching the good news (making disciples) and praying for our just ones even in our youth.

When we read the word of truth (Bible) and follow Christ's steps, we go on the way of peace and walk the walk He walked (1 Jn 2: 6). Jesus preached the good news to the lost fearlessly. The word of God is our firm foundation on how to fulfil the great commission of preaching the good news to the world as he has already given us the authority in Matthew 28. I believe that God has given us his word for two reasons: to know him more and help others know him through discipleship.

Prayer:

Father God in the name of Jesus, may you please give us the courage to spread the good news to the world and pray for our Just ones. May you help us to step on your word and seek you so that we are always ready to preach the good news through our actions, the things we say and the love we give to others. May we be ready in and out of season, in Jesus name, Amen!

Day Two

Read:

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Engage:

The above scripture encourages us to have no fear, but to trust God who gives us free peace, one who is always there with us. Roman soldiers wore shoes with nails underneath to give them firm footing when going to war. In the same way, the word of God gives us firm footing during trials. When Satan attacks us with doubt and disbelief, we have the shoes of peace we stand on, and we can reply confidently and say, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength, and all things work together for my good."

Supporting scripture:

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." (1 John 5:14-15)

Jerry Johnson said: "The shoes of readiness offer us ability in the truth when we come under attack in Spiritual warfare". What this means is that the shoes protect us to stand secure in God and walk with Him in every season, whether good or bad — shoes to step on the enemy and stand firm using the word of God.

Prayer:

Father God in the name of Jesus, may you grant me faith to believe that anything is possible when one believes. I cancel doubt in my heart in Jesus name. I love you Lord, amen!

Day Three

Read:

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Engage

When you're in sandals of readiness, it means you're constantly vigilant and understand that Satan is ever ready to attack us, but can never conquer us. The word of God helps us become Constantly vigilant when we read and spend time in it. The word of God is there as a tool to help us, when we stand firm on it, we wear the peace of God and are able to stand against the schemes of the devil. We resist him and he flees away!

Prayer:

Lord, help me be constantly vigilant and stand against the arrows of the devil with your word by seeking your truth. Help me understand and receive the peace that comes from you in Jesus name, Amen.

Day Four

Read:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Engage:

We are often fearful of the future and stepping out of our comfort zone, however God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control. We need to step out in faith with confidence and be optimistic! Who we are makes a big difference in the world. It's not about what you do, your age and your looks but who you inspire, encourage and empower (through actions and words). Let us not be afraid to step out and achieve our dreams. Let's have peace in our hearts knowing that we're able and have power to live our dreams. We need to take the first step and take risks sometimes, not being afraid to fail bcs failure is the first step to success.

Prayer:

Father God in the name of Jesus, we believe that you have not given us the spirit of fear but of sound mind, power and love. We believe that we can be all we want to become by faith if it's according to your will. May you give us the confidence to step out in faith and live our dreams, in Jesus name.

Day Five

Read:

"Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. 28 Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness." (1 Chronicles 16:27-29)

Engage:

There's power in worshiping God while we wait on Him. Worship gives us peace because it shuts the door for the devil to reside. Worship opens a door for Jesus and shuts it for the enemy. Worship channels our mood to peace, and when we wait with our minds and hearts channeled in this way, we don't grumble and complain while we wait. Peace comes from knowing that all things work together for our good (Romans 8:28).

Prayer:

Father God, please give me peace in every season. Father God in the name of Jesus, please give me faith to worship while I wait, in Jesus name, Amen!

Day Six

Read:

"I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips." (Psalm 89:34)

Engage:

Medical experts say that every one of us will experience depression in some form during our lifetime. A large portion of the population wakes up each day in a cloud of gloom. You may be one of them. A popular children's book is called *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. Alexander falls asleep with gum in his mouth, and finds it in his hair upon waking. His breakfast cereal box lacks a toy in the bottom, and he can't impress his teacher despite his best efforts. He resolves several times to move to Australia. Unfortunately, geographical cures don't work. You don't solve the problem; you just relocate it. So what can you do? Turn to the one source of strength, hope, and encouragement that never fails - God's living Word. God says, "My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips." If you're feeling down today, here are some Scriptures you can stand on: "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalm 107:20 NKJV). "I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13 NKJV). "In the day of my trouble I will call on You, for You will answer me" (Psalm 86:7 NKJV). "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear" (Isa 59:1 NKJV). "I will go in the strength of the Lord God" (Psalm 71:16 NKJV)

Prayer:

God help me turn back to your word for strength, hope, and encouragement. Help me stand on your word (wear my holy sandals) at all times, in Jesus name, Amen.