

## The Armour Series: Week 9 Devotions

In week 9 of the Armour Series we explored the Reality of Warfare

### Day One

#### Read:

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. (Ephesians 6 : 12)

#### Engage:

The safe (sorta) thing about somebody picking on you is that you can deal with them in any manner of physical ways because you can see them. You can speak to them or fight with them. Whilst we do not condone the latter, it is evident that it is much easier to deal with things and people that we see because we already in our hearts have an automatic response. However, God's word shows us that there's a battle we fight that is not with people but actually with the things that we cannot see. The reason this is important is so that you understand that sometimes, when things happen, there are just a tactic of the enemy to steal our peace and our joy. In order to avoid being paranoid, God tries to show us the difference between the evil one getting in our way and us getting in our own way. This week we are looking at spiritual warfare, because it affects our moods as well as our beliefs and that will always affect how we treat people. When we realise who our real enemy is and the war we are really fighting, we can walk with more grace and love for people.

#### Prayer:

Jesus, thank you that you are fighting alongside this week as we engage more with your word on spiritual warfare. We ask, Father God, that you guide us to the answers that you desire to share with us. Keep us in your mercy and grace this week as we delve deeper into understanding what it means to be fighting a spiritual war. We love you, Lord. Amen!

### Day Two

#### Read:

For I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!" They conspire against me and plot to take my life. But I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God." (Psalm 31 : 13 -14)

#### Engage:

Have you ever felt like everyone or everything is just out to get you? You're fighting with people, technology keeps messing up and you keep getting into trouble with authority figures for any and no reason at all. Some people like to call that being "under attack". This is a real thing, but we humans do not really notice the difference between when we are under attack and maybe when we are just leaving the backdoor open for the enemy. Sometimes, both things can be the same thing and this is why you need to be wearing the armor of God all the time. Think about it, you do put up your gate at your house when you think that somebody might come rob you. No, it is up 24/7 and so should be your alarm system, your electric fence and your bulldog (The last part is just an item on my Christmas wish list). The point is that you never switch your security, it is always on because you never know when the enemy will attack. The same is true for God and the protection that He has provided us. The best way to defend against being under attack is practising wearing the armour of God at all times, even when you are in a season of peace. This means prayer, reading the Word and engaging in fellowship with other believers. All these things keep your guard up for warfare.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you so much for being our tower of refuge in the midst of all of the chaos that our lives bring. We ask you, Lord, to help ensure that we stay focused on you and not the terror that comes from every side because you are bigger and more powerful. Forgive us for where we have doubted and forgotten who you are and what you promise. We love you, Lord. Amen!

**Day Three**

Read:

**Day Four**

Read:

**Day Five**

Explore:

**Day Six**

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