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# POWERFUL ARMOR OF GOD

## The Belt of Truth

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\*\* PRAY Holy Spirit lead us all into TRUTH today



[ TITLE SLIDE: ]

“Home Life Groups” .....

## God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life!

- We've heard that many times, but.....
- **Satan hates you and has a destructive plan for your life!**
- EVERYONE is in Spiritual Warfare

### LAST WEEK:

- Learned that PEOPLE are NOT our problem....
- Whatever is wrong in your world.... People are just the CONDUIT to the root
- Our Spiritual enemy: **satan / demons**
- AND... they're very organized against you **Rulers / Authorities / forces of evil**

### That's why Paul admonishes us to:



[ Ephesians 6.10-13 NIV ]

*Finally, be **strong in the Lord** and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 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.** 13 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.*

- SPIRITUAL WARFARE... not a Physical one

- Fight back by SPIRITUAL Means
  - In God's FULL ARMOR
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## QUESTION \_\_\_ What is God's Armor??

Today we'll talk about first piece of Armor that is listed in the text



[ Ephesians 6.14 NIV ]

*14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,*



## **BELT OF TRUTH**

- The BELT for a soldier basically held everything together.
- His sword would be on his belt
- Tying everything together... holding all in place
- **FIRST THING** you put on /// **BELT OF TRUTH**

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## The Million \$ question.... WHAT IS TRUTH???

Today **TRUTH Is Under Attack Like Never Before**

- FAKE NEWS
- FALSE SCIENCE or RELIGIONS
- The REDEFINING of \_\_\_ Marriage / Gender / REALITY!!!
- We must accept everyone's TRUTH Claims all EQUAL



**People's OPINIONS and FEELINGS are use to define what is TRUTH**

Trouble is \_\_\_ FEELINGS and OPINIONS are:

- **DIFFERENT** from person to person

- And they **CHANGE**

*You cannot use Feelings as STANDARD of Truth*

So... What is TRUTH??



[ Jeremiah 10.10a AMP ]

*But the Lord is the true God and the God who is Truth*

**GOD IS TRUTH**

- God is OBJECTIVE standard for TRUTH
- God is FIXED STANDARD for TRUTH
- A STANDARD that is **OUTSIDE of ourselves that won't Change**



[ John 17.17 NLT ]

*17 Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.*

- God IS Truth
- God's WORDS are TRUTH


( QUOTE:

Truth is different from BELIEF it's different from HOPE. Absolute truth is not dependent upon public opinion and popularity polls cannot sway it, not even the inexhaustible authority of celebrity endorsement can change it. )

**TRUTH IS GOD & Everything He says IS Truth...**

- Numbers 23 // *God is not human, that he should lie*
- Hebrews 13 // *Tells us God is the same, yesterday, today, forever*
- James 1 // *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (or TV polls)*


## God and His Words are TRUTH... So what is satan??

 Jesus speaking.... [ John 8.44 AMP ]

*You are of your father the devil, and it is your will to practice the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks what it natural to him, for he is a liar and the father of lies and half-truths.*


- satan is OPPOSITE of TRUTH
- satan HATES God... HATES TRUTH

**So... Devil's Tactics are Clear:**

 **He wants to inject thoughts into your mind, that you think are your own so that you are not afraid of those thoughts**

EXAMPLE: Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira decided to (white) lie about amount

- Peter said: *"Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?"*
- Now, if Ananias and Sapphira had known the devil was there they'd been Terrified
- but they didn't know because devil is unseen,  
even though he put the thoughts into their minds to lie

 **When you and I open up our minds and our hearts to sin, we open up ourselves to possibility of having thoughts injected into our minds that are really put there by the devil.**

**What Kind of Thoughts??**

- Suicide / Divisiveness / Hatred / False Guilt / Anger / Occult practices  
Immorality / Jealousy / Doubts about God / Rebellion / Hopelessness / Fear
- Ideas that Satan puts into our minds..... ALL LIES

- We are up against the devil fighting to win!!

( SIDE NOTE: 1/3 suicides under influence of alcohol )

## Our Struggle is in our MINDS



[ 2 Corinthians 10.3-5 NKJV ]

*3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 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,*

## Devil is setting up FORTS in our minds

- From these forts he attacks our thoughts with...
  - Lies about God's Character
  - Arguments with the TRUTH we have.... DOUBTS
  - **HE ATTACKING THE TRUTH**

.....QUICKLY.....

### Devil wants you to Think Wrongly about GOD!

- Adam & Eve....
  - "You mean that God said that you cannot eat of every tree of the garden? **"A god who restricts you can't be a good god"**
  - So Satan comes along and tells us, **"If you follow God, it is not the best way because God is not good."**

## He wants you to believe.....

- “God isn’t faithful, and you can’t depend on His promises.”
- John 1:9 says, *“If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from every individual unrighteousness.”*
- Some right now are still struggling with guilt over issues that God has forgiven
- Satan comes and he says, *“God isn’t faithful. He has promised to forgive you if you have confessed it, and you have confessed it, but He cannot be relied upon to keep His word,”*
- God will fail you like our earthly parents and friends

FROM THESE LIES... he establishes FORTRESSES from which He continues attacks on you

## When we believe devil’s lies...

We’re inviting demonic influence in our lives....

**Allowing enemy to ESTABLISHING FORTRESSES IN OUR MINDS**

## What Do We Do??

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- We must TEAR DOWN

- Casting down ARGUMENTS and everything that Exalts itself against TRUTH about God

**- We CANNOT do this by our STRENGTH.... MUST USE GOD'S WEAPONS**

**.....We must have TRUTH as our BELT we Wear ALL THE TIME**

- You Must CONFESS the TRUTH as God gives it
- CONFESS with your Mouth the TRUTHS found in God's Word... BIBLE
- Confess them about YOURSELF

**.....This is called RENEWING YOUR MIND**

- You are Scrubbing your Thoughts of the devil's lies that lead to death
- You're PUTTING IN TRUTH.... Casting out LIES
- TEARING down devil's Strongholds

***"And You shall know the Truth and the Truth will set you free"***

- John 8.32

***"Whom the Son sets free is free indeed"*** - GOD'S TRUTH.... not man's

- John 8.36

**.....Submit to GOD and HIS TRUTHS.....**

**.....RESIST the devil and his lies and HAS TO FLEE!!!**

- Because the Demonic Realm.... CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH
- When devil attacked Jesus in Wilderness.... Jesus gave him the Truth 3 times and the devil LEFT.... Couldn't handle the Truth
- Because devil's nature is a lie

CLOSING \_\_\_\_\_ ( JIMMY )

**NEVER NEVER.... Take off the BELT of TRUTH**

- Just because we are tired from fighting....
- Just because maybe we had a great victory....
- Just because we are weary.....

We CANNOT not gird ourselves with GOD'S TRUTH  
FILL YOURSELF DAILY!!!

ADHEAR TO THE TRUTH VEHEMENTLY and STEADFASTLY  
Don't entertain LIES

- OFFER CD "Biblical Confession"