



Sermon Questions: *Grace-Filled Warfare Part 3*

Date: *August 22, 2021* | Scripture: *Ephesians 6:10-20 (15-16)*

1. We might not think of shoes when we think of armor. What is their function, according to the text and the sermon?
2. Shoes are often the last thing you put on before leaving the house or stepping onto the field. What might it look like to put your spiritual shoes on regularly this week? Think especially about the aspect of the gospel that Paul identifies here.
3. Shields are shaped differently depending on the threat they protect against. What is the threat that the shield of faith defends us from? When does the verse say we need to use the shield, and what might that teach us?
4. Faith is sometimes characterized as a crutch or a willful delusion. How does the picture of faith in these verses compare to these ideas?
5. Chain mail and Kevlar are not made for display, though they may end up in museums once the fight is over. We might think of truth, righteousness, peace and faith as esoteric treasures to be polished and preserved. How might the extended metaphor of armor in this passage change someone's understanding of life following Jesus?

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.

1. Where do you need to ready yourself with the gospel of peace this week?
2. Jesus calls Satan the father of lies in John 8:44. Lying has been his strategy since the beginning. What lies about God's character or your salvation are you exposed to at the moment? How are you dealing with them?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 3:1-5
- Psalm 56
- Isaiah 52:1-12
- John 8:39-47
- Romans 10
- Jude 24-25

Listen to the Ephesians worship playlist on Spotify.

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