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Read Ephesians 6:13-20

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Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Throughout the Bible, God has shown Himself to be the protector of His people; the one who led them into victory and the one who was actively involved in fighting their battles when they walked with Him in loving obedience.

Paul is now teaching a group of mostly non-Jewish believers about how to walk in victory in life when faced with pressures, temptations and attacks of the enemy, which manifest in lies, deception, condemnation, accusations, destruction, etc.

The good news is that God has provided us with everything we need to be victorious in life. He has given us armour and weapons; we must put them on and use them. They are His armour and weapons. We must stay close to Him. We do this through intimacy with Him; learning about Him through His word and communing with Him through prayer, listening and worship; a life of union with Him; knowing Him, walking with and following His Spirit.

Jesus said "apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5b). We cannot try to fight in our own strength, we need Him; we need His Spirit. Submit yourself to Him daily, receive from His Spirit and let Him lead you. He will give you revelation and help you to walk victoriously over the flesh, the world and the devil.

Application

1. What is God saying to you through this passage?
2. Are you walking in intimacy with God?
3. Do you know who you are in Christ and what He has done for you? If not, find a trusted believer who can walk with you and help you.

Prayer

Thank you Father that you have not left us on our own, but given us your Spirit to be with us and live in us, to help us and strengthen us. Lead us in the deep and intimate knowledge of You. Help us to imitate You and show You to others, even when under pressure and the attacks of the evil one, in Jesus name. Amen.