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- I. Start back at *Ephesians 6:10-13*. Review what you are learning so far about the devil's scheme, about the forces of evil against us and about standing strong in the spiritual battle.
- II. Now let's look at the armor of God. Read <u>Ephesians 6:14-17</u>. Survey the six pieces of armor presented here. What does each armor protect? Which one seems most obvious to you (as necessary to defeat Satan) and which ones would you tend to overlook? Be specific.
- III. Today, let's zero in on the first three pieces of armor. Next week, we will look at the other three.

*The belt of Truth.

What does a belt do? Why is truth the first line of defense for us? Note <u>John</u> 8:31-32, 44, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 11:3

*The breastplate of Righteousness

What does a breastplate protect on a soldier? How does righteousness relate to our hearts? Note *Revelation 12:10-11, Zechariah 3:1-9, Romans 3:19-24*.

*Shoes -- The gospel of Peace

Why is good footing essential to soldiers in battle? In what sense are we standing on the gospel of Jesus Christ as our foundation? Note <u>Matthew</u> 7:24, <u>Romans 5:1-2</u>, <u>Ephesians 2:14-15</u>. Peace with God provides personal peace within. It also promotes interpersonal peace with others. Are you at peace in all three of these today?

*Close your group by praying over these three armors. Notice verses 14-15 imply that we already have them. We just need to appropriate God's truth in our minds, God's righteousness in our hearts and God's peace through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on our behalf.

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