Date: May 11, 2025 Title: Stand Firm: Equipped for the Frontlines Text: Ephesians 6:10-18



## I. God's strength provides what we need to accomplish \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10)

Scriptures: Psalms 28:7; John 15:5b

"God can overcome his enemies without their hands, but [believers] cannot so much as defend themselves without his arm." *(William Gurnall, "The Christian in Complete Armour")* 

Notes:

II. God's armor protects us from what we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves. (v. 11-13)

"The whole armour of God is necessary, because we have to deal with a subtle enemy, who will take advantage of any part left unguarded." *(William Gurnall, "The Christian in Complete Armour")* 

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III. God's armor requires \_\_\_\_\_ preparedness through God's Word & Spirit. (v. 14-17)

Scripture: Psalms 140:7

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IV. Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_\_to standing in god's strength and wielding his complete armor. (v. 18)

Scripture: Colossians 4:2

Notes:

**Conclusion:** The Christian who is fully outfitted in the armor of God can move beyond surviving life (and motherhood) to thriving in God's strength and His invincible armor.

## **Questions to consider and discuss:**

- 1. What current "battle" in your life makes the idea of spiritual armor feel most relevant right now?
- 2. When have you experienced God's strength versus your own, and how can you actively seek His strength this week? Are there areas of pride and self-reliance that require repentance?
- 3. Which piece of the armor of God resonates most with a challenge you're facing, and how can you intentionally use it?
- 4. Is prayer your first response or a last resort; what's one specific prayer focus for your battles this week?
- 5. Mothers, how does seeing motherhood as a spiritual frontline change your approach this week? (Others: How does this apply to your primary responsibilities?)
- 6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to more intentionally equip yourself with God's strength and armor?