



# Battle Ready

## Week 1

### Day 1: Recognizing the Real Enemy

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-12

Devotional: In a world quick to point fingers and assign blame, Paul's words remind us that our true battle isn't against flesh and blood. How often do we find ourselves frustrated with people, forgetting that there are unseen forces at work? Today, reflect on conflicts in your life. Are you fighting the wrong battles? Ask God for discernment to recognize the real enemy and the wisdom to respond with love, even to those who oppose you. Remember, every person you encounter is someone Christ died for, not an enemy to be defeated.

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### **Day 2: Putting on God's Armor**

Reading: Ephesians 6:13-17

Devotional: Paul describes spiritual armor not as mere defense, but as a way of life. The belt of truth calls us to integrity in all we do. The breastplate of righteousness challenges us to live uprightly. The shoes of peace remind us to be ready to share the hope within us. Faith, salvation, and God's Word complete this divine protection. Today, consider which piece of armor you might be neglecting. How can you intentionally "put on" each aspect of God's armor in your daily life? Pray for God's strength to fully equip you for whatever challenges you may face.

### **Day 3: Love that Transforms**

Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Devotional: The early Christians changed their world not through political power or social influence, but through radical, self-sacrificing love. They cared for the abandoned, tended to the sick, and loved their persecutors. This love, modeled after Christ's own sacrifice, has the power to transform hearts and societies. Today, ask yourself: How can I show Christ's love in a radical way? Is there someone difficult in your life who needs grace? A stranger who needs kindness? Let your actions today be a reflection of God's transformative love.

# Do Hard Things

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### **Day 4: Standing Firm in Faith**

Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Devotional: Peter, writing to a persecuted church, reminds believers to stand firm in their faith. He acknowledges the reality of suffering but points to a God who ultimately restores and strengthens. In our own trials, it's easy to feel defeated or alone. But like the early church facing Roman persecution, we're called to stand firm, knowing that our struggles are temporary in light of eternity. Today, if you're facing hardship, cast your anxieties on God. If you're in a season of peace, pray for and encourage those who are suffering. Remember, our faith is not just for easy times, but a anchor in life's storms.

### **Day 5: The Power of God's Word**

Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Devotional: Paul describes the Word of God as the "sword of the Spirit," our only offensive weapon in spiritual warfare. The author of Hebrews expands on this, describing God's Word as living, active, and sharper than any double-edged sword. It has the power to cut through confusion, expose truth, and guide us in righteousness. Today, spend extra time meditating on Scripture. Don't just read, but let it read you. Ask God to use His Word to shape your thoughts, convict your heart, and transform your actions. In a world of many voices, let God's voice, through His Word, be the loudest and clearest in your life.