



Battle Ready

Week 4

Day 1: Standing Firm in God's Peace

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

Devotional: In a world full of chaos and uncertainty, God calls us to stand firm. Today's reading introduces us to the armor of God, with special emphasis on the "shoes of peace." Just as a soldier's footwear provides stability and mobility, the peace of God grounds us in tumultuous times and propels us forward in our faith journey. Reflect on areas in your life where you feel unsteady. How can you allow God's peace to be your foundation? Remember, this peace isn't just for your benefit - it's meant to be shared. Consider how you might bring God's peace into a challenging situation or relationship today.

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Day 2: Peace in the Storm

Reading: Acts 27:13-26

Devotional: Paul's shipwreck story reminds us that God's peace transcends circumstances. Despite facing a life-threatening storm and impending trial, Paul remained steady in his faith. His peace came not from an assurance that the storm would cease, but from confidence in God's presence and purposes. Where in your life do you need this kind of unshakeable peace? Meditate on the truth that God's plans aren't thwarted by our storms - they often work through them. How might your current challenges be platforms for witnessing God's faithfulness?

Day 3: The Gospel of Peace

Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Devotional: The foundation of our peace is the gospel - the good news that through Christ, we have been reconciled to God. This passage beautifully outlines how Jesus' sacrifice brings us from enmity with God to peace with Him. Spend time today reflecting on the magnitude of this gift. How does knowing you have peace with God change your perspective on daily struggles? Consider areas where you might be living as if God is still your enemy rather than your loving Father. Allow the truth of your reconciliation to permeate your thoughts and actions today.

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Day 4: Peacemakers in a Chaotic World

Reading: Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:17-21

Devotional: As recipients of God's peace, we're called to be peacemakers. This doesn't mean avoiding conflict, but actively working to bring God's shalom into broken situations. Jesus blesses those who make peace, and Paul gives practical advice on living peaceably with others. Reflect on relationships or situations in your life that lack peace. How can you take initiative in restoring harmony? Remember, peacemaking often requires humility and sacrifice. Pray for God's wisdom and courage as you seek to be an agent of His peace today.

Day 5: The Peace that Surpasses Understanding

Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Devotional: Paul's exhortation to "not be anxious about anything" can seem impossible in our worry-prone world. Yet he promises a peace that defies logic when we bring our concerns to God. This peace guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Today, practice the discipline of exchanging anxiety for peace through prayer. Make a list of your current worries and intentionally surrender each one to God. Then, following Paul's advice, focus your mind on what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. How does shifting your mental focus impact your sense of peace? Challenge yourself to maintain this peace-cultivating practice in the days ahead.