



MADE FOR THIS

a study through the book of ephesians

Week #6: Made for Victory

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Ephesians 6:10-18 (ESV)

The enemy knows who you are. _____?

The Agenda of the Enemy:

- He _____ plans against you.
- He wants you to _____.
- He wants you to be _____.
- He wants you to be _____.
- He wants you to _____ on yourself.

The Avenue to Victory:

- _____ all your faith in _____.

Everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (MSG)

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:14 (ESV)

The Avenue to Victory:

- _____ on the armor that comes from _____.

The Armor of God:

- Belt of _____.
- Breastplate of _____.
- Shoes: The readiness of the gospel of _____.
- Shield of _____.
- Helmet of _____.
- Sword of the Spirit: The _____.

The Avenue to Victory:

- _____ every way you can in the name of _____.

God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

You are made for _____.

Discussion Questions:

1. When was a time in your life when you either doubted who you were, felt distracted, or felt discouraged?
2. From that time, in what ways can you see how the enemy might have been trying to have victory in your life?
3. How does putting your faith in Jesus (instead of yourself) change how you stand in hard times?
4. What is something you are praying for in faith today?

Recommended Resources:

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- [Sit. Walk. Stand](#), by Watchman Nee
- [How to Pray Through the Armor of God: The Proverbs 31 Ministries Podcast](#)
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- He devises plans against you.
- He wants you to doubt.
- He wants you to be distracted.
- He wants you to be discouraged.
- He wants you to depend on yourself.

The Avenue to Victory:

- Place all your faith in Jesus.

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The Avenue to Victory:

- **Put on the armor that comes from Jesus.**

The Armor of God:

- **Belt of truth.**
- **Breastplate of righteousness.**
- **Shoes: The readiness of the gospel of peace.**
- **Shield of faith.**
- **Helmet of salvation.**
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