

The Believer's Battle pt. 9

Feet Fitted with Readiness

Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Nothing is equivalent to the gospel of peace in making one strong.

A Soldier's Shoes

1. Served for _____

2. Served for _____

3. Served for _____

Fitted With Readiness

4. Ready to take on the _____ for the _____ of God.

5. Ready for the _____ to take _____ on for the _____ of God.

Readiness Empowered by the Gospel of Peace

6. The Gospel of Peace is the _____ thing that can give you _____
_____.

Motivated (sent by God) **Focused** (understand truth) **Refreshed** (redeemed)
Healthy (know my end) **Inspired** (loved by God) **Renewed** (can't be broken)

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

7. The Gospel of Peace is the _____ thing that can give you

_____.

Courage (saved) **Determination** (filled) **Confidence** (secure)
Certainty (sealed) **Dynamic** (made new) **Bold** (I am loved)

Philippians 4:13 (NIV) I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NIV) For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8. The Gospel of Peace is the _____ thing that can give you an

_____.

Joyful (saved) **Content** (have all) **Optimistic** (we win)
Grateful (I am His) **Delighted** (He is mine) **Excited** (made whole)

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

9. For a person to be _____ in this _____, nothing is _____ to the Gospel of Peace.

10. We are not called to be strong _____. We are called to be strong _____ for the Kingdom of God.

Small Group

What makes a person strong?

How does the Gospel give you strength?

How does the Gospel give you lasting energy?

How does the Gospel give you confidence?

What are some areas in my life that need a little more Gospel?