

**THE BELT OF TRUTH: PART III**  
**EPHESIANS 6:10-20**  
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*A Summary of Lessons Learned thus Far*

1. God is greater than all, including our enemies, and therefore if we will heed the words of Paul and put ourselves in a place every day where we can be made strong in him and in the strength of his might we will be the victors in every spiritual battle we fight. This is not an exaggeration because the only reason we lose spiritual battles is because we step out from under the grace and power of God.
2. The enemies we are facing in this battle are fierce and they're out to destroy us. Satan and his forces are not playing, they're not out for fun, they're not out to irritate us—rather, as Peter said, the devil is roaming about like roaring lions seeking who he may devour and we would do well to stay awake to this fact.
3. In this battle, God himself is the armor we wear; God himself is our shelter from the storm of battle. The armor is not something God gives us from outside of himself, rather the armor is the very presence of God surrounding our lives, and it is his presence that will cause us to stand in the evil day and taste the victory in Christ.
4. We're not meant to fight this battle alone, rather we're meant to lock arms with our brothers and sisters in Christ and fight with all of our might—together. In this culture we are so prone to do things on our own, but that's not the way God designed us, so we have to learn to come out of our isolation and share in the battle that is Christianity with those who are also in Christ.
5. To put on the belt of truth is to know the truth, stand for the truth, and tell the truth. Our Supreme Commander, who is Jesus Christ, is the Truth and the Father of all things true and thus the banner that flies over his army is "Truth." Therefore, to be the people of God in Christ is to be a people of the truth.
6. Because being committed to the truth is being committed to Christ, being committed to the truth is fundamentally about love. At the heart of having a passion for the truth is having a passion to know and love and cling to Jesus Christ himself.