



***“Dressed to Win!”***  
***“Built for Battle Conclusion!”***

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**Sermon Notes**

**#1: We know the truth.**

**Ephesians 6:10-14 (New International Version)**

**10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

**Genesis 1:27-28 (New International Version)**

**27** So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

**28** God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

**James 1:12 (New International Version)**

**12** Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

**Exodus 14:13 (New International Version)**

**13** Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

**#2: We have been shielded from death.**

**Ephesians 6:15-16 (New International Version)**

**15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

### **2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (New International Version)**

**18**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19**that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20**We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21**God made him who had no sin to be sin<sup>[a]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **John 11:40-44 (New International Version)**

**40**Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

**41**So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42**I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

**43**When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" **44**The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

### **#3: We can take our destiny.**

#### **Ephesians 6:17-18 (New International Version)**

**17**Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **18**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

#### **Matthew 11:12 (New International Version)**

**12**From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

#### **Matthew 11:12 (New American Standard Bible)**

**12**"<sup>(A)</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

#### **Revelation 12:11 (New International Version)**

**11**They overcame him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much  
as to shrink from death.

### **Conclusion**

- 1. Knowing the truth has set us free...**
- 2. That death cannot touch us...**
- 3. ..And if we would hold these truths dear we will win every battle because that is what we are built for!**

**The Crossover Challenge: Spartans! Realize your destiny and live out your dream!**