

STAYING POWER

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God didn't bring you this far to only bring you this far. There are seasons in the natural that we all walk through —- winter, spring, summer and fall —- and we wear different shoes for each of those seasons. But then also in life we walk through different seasons, exciting times, uncertain times, times of growth, times of loss or hurt —- in ALL of these seasons, the armor of God is necessary. God isn't moved by seasons and so we must keep on our shoes of peace. God isn't faithful for just a season, but for a lifetime!

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be alert with all perseverance and every request for all the saints.“ (NAS)

Keep on your shoes of peace (and all the armor of God)

1 Samuel 17

David couldn't wear Saul's armor. Don't compare your story to someone else's story. Go against your giant (the seasons in life) in the power of God, fully clothed in the armor of God that has been provided for you

Hebrews 11:27

Like Moses, set your eyes on the One who is invisible

Reflect:

Is there one thought or phrase that stood out to you most in today's session? If so, why?

What are some of the giants you are facing today? How will you respond to these giants?

What season of life are you walking through right now? Write out five scriptures on peace that will help you navigate the waters.

Prayer:

“ Lord, we thank you that You told us in John 14:27, “My peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” We choose this day to draw from the well of peace that lives in our hearts. We focus our attention on You instead of the shifting sands of the world around us. Forgive us for being angry or resentful at the season we are in right now. Help us to see You, Jesus, in the midst of darkness that tries to veil Your face. Thank you for the gifts you placed inside of us. May we use them to bring glory to Your name. You said in Your word, “blessed are the peacemakers” (Matthew 5:9). May I always be an instrument of peace in my thoughts, words and actions. In Jesus Name. Amen.”

My Notes: