

# Sermon Notes

October 29, 2023 --- *The Battle Is Real & I Will Stand In Prayer* (by Jerry House)

If we are going to live victorious lives, we've got to recognize that we are in a war.

## Inventory of our Spiritual Armor

The Belt of Truth - You are God's Child – His Treasured, Redeemed, Unbeatable, and Triumphant Heir.

The Breastplate of Righteousness - We've got to put on the Breastplate and securely connect it to the Truth about us and Pursue Righteousness throughout the day.

The Shoes that Ground us in the Gospel of Peace - *"Peace is not the subtraction of problems from life; it is the addition of power to meet our problems."*

The Shield of Faith

The Helmet of Salvation

The Sword of the Spirit - *"The Word of God does the Work of God through the Spirit of God for the People of God."*

If all we do is just put on the armor, then we'll never be able to experience the supernatural work God wants to do through that armor.

Prayer is not simply considered to be something that religious people do, but is understood to be as essential to our existence as Jesus followers as blood is in our veins.

PUT ON THE ARMOR FIRST, THEN PRAY

PRAY IN THE SPIRIT AT ALL TIMES AND ON EVERY OCCASION

When it's your flesh leading the way in your prayers, then your prayers will tend to be those circumstantial, locker-room, self-focused prayers.

Praying in the Spirit, on the other hand, grounds your prayers in your relationship with the Lord.

Praying in the Spirit is praying that ultimately establishes a heart connection between you and God, where your heart's desire is fully aligned with God's heart's desire.

If we fail to let go of our inherent need to control the conversation in our praying and just satisfy ourselves with fleshly prayers, we will almost always end up just giving up on praying altogether.

STAY ALERT AND BE PERSISTENT IN OUR PRAYING

Being alert in our praying means that we are to always be watching and listening for what God is doing and saying before we pray.

PRAY FOR ALL BELIEVERS EVERYWHERE

PRAY FOR SPECIFIC PEOPLE

When we pray, God moves

*"When I pray coincidences happen. When I don't pray, they don't."* (From the Alpha Course)

**Scripture for Today:** Ephesians 6:10-20... 1 Peter 5:8... 2 Corinthians 10:4... 1 Thessalonians 5:17... Colossians 4:2... 1 Chronicles 16:11...