

Battle: Standing Firm in God's Armor

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**God's
New People**
PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

WARM UP

If you had a celebration dance after scoring the game-winning touchdown in a football game, what would it look like? Demonstrate if so led.

COMING UP

A Family Christmas Celebration Friday, December 9 • 7:30 pm. • Saturday, December 10 • 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. • Worship Center • Beautiful renditions of classic songs, comedy sketches, and spoken word poetry • Tickets are general admission and cost just \$5. Purchase tickets at GracePolaris.org/Christmas or text "Christmas" to 614-888-7733

Christmas Project Offering Grace Polaris Church is creating a pathway to develop leaders for future ministry, starting with our pastoral residencies and ministry internships. Our desire is to take the Gospel to the neighborhoods (near) and nations (far), as well as to equip believers here for maturity and ministry. Gifts can be given now and throughout the month of December. To make a donation to this year's Christmas Project Offering, visit GracePolaris.org/Give.

Christmas Weekend Services Saturday, December 24 • 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. • WC Auditorium • Reflect on Jesus' birth and celebrate the miracle of Christmas through carol singing and a short message. Parent-supervised wiggle rooms will be available. Families are invited to worship at home together on December 25. Visit GracePolaris.org/Watch anytime on Christmas Day to view a short service with Christmas Carols and a devotional from Pastor Mike.

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WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Twice in Ephesians 6:10-13 Paul urges us to "put on the full armor of God." Four times he urges us to be able to stand or stand firm. Why the repetition and the urgency?
- 2 What are the distortions in our thinking against which Paul is trying to warn us in Ephesians 6:11? Can human beings be evil? If so, why are they not the object of our struggle?
- 3 Although all the pieces of spiritual armor are important (6:14-17), which one stands out to you as most needed in your life?
- 4 Which pieces of the armor are defensive, and which are offensive? Why does that distinction matter?
- 5 The most important word in verse 18 is among the simplest of words — "all." Why does Paul repeat it?
- 6 What does it mean to pray "in the Spirit" and "with all kinds of prayers and requests" (6:18)?
- 7 What would it look like in your life and relationships to declare the Gospel "fearlessly" (6:19,20)?
- 8 How is it a comfort and source of confidence that God will give us the words to say as we bear witness to the Gospel (6:20)? Practically, what does it actually look like in the moment for God to give us the words as we bear witness?

PRAY

In light of verses 18 and 19, pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ that they would stand firm in Christ and the Gospel and be bold in their proclamation of the Good News.