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YOU ARE PREY! - *"...the devil...like a roaring lion..."* 1 Peter 5:8

VICTORY IS AVAILABLE! - *John 14:18, Romans 8:26-39, Ephesians 6:13*



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TRUTH - *“Belt of Truth” - John 17:17*

- *Vital accessory for Roman soldier*
- *Vital to a born-again believer; for spiritual victory - Psalm 119:10*

HOW? *Carve out **time** - Create a **safe place** - Consecrate the **hours***



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RIGHTEOUSNESS - “Breastplate” - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- *Protected soldier from being disabled or killed*
- *Protects born-again believers from Satan’s attempts to **steal** your victory in Jesus.*

HOW? *Have **faith** in Christ; **Put on** Christ - Romans 3:21-23, 10:9, Romans 13:14*



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Gospel - *"Shoes of the gospel of peace" - Romans 5:1-2;
John 14:27, 16:33*

- *Secured a soldier's ability to stand in battle*
- *Secures born-again believer's ability to stand against "the wiles of the Devil"*

HOW? *Christ as your foundation and nothing can overcome you -
Romans 8:37*



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FAITH - *“Above all, taking the shield of faith” - Hebrews 11:6*

- *Saved the life of a soldier from the enemy’s flaming arrows*
- *Saves one’s eternal **soul**; Protects born-again believer’s spiritual life from Satan’s schemes – John 14:6; Ephesians 6:16b*

HOW? *Trust in Jesus as Savior and **follow** Jesus as Lord.*
Romans 10:9-10, 13; John 14:15-16; Ephesians 2:8-9



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SALVATION – *“Helmet of salvation” - Ephesians 2:8-9*

- *Guarded the soldiers head from blows that could incapacitate or kill*
- *Guards born-again believers from Satan’s lies and damaging influences – John 8:44, 10:10a; 1 John 2:15:16*

HOW? *Immerse the mind daily in the truth of God’s promises – Romans 12:1-2*



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GOD'S WORD – *"Sword of the Spirit" - Hebrews 4:12*

- *A soldier's faith in his commander's plan often determined the outcome.*
- *A born-again believer's faith in Jesus and in God's **written Word** brings spiritual victory. - Luke 4:18-19; Ephesians 1:17-23*

HOW? *Have total **trust** in Jesus and Christ-like **courage** verses your foe – Proverbs 3:5-6; James 4:7*



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How then shall I live??

