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Spiritual battle in Christ

Ephesians 6:10-24

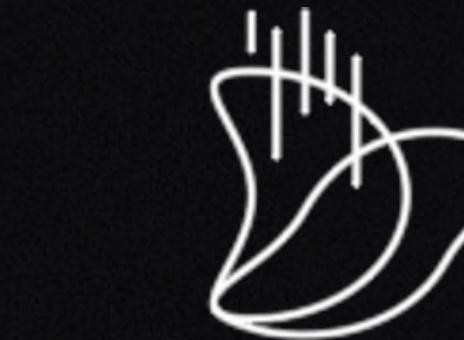
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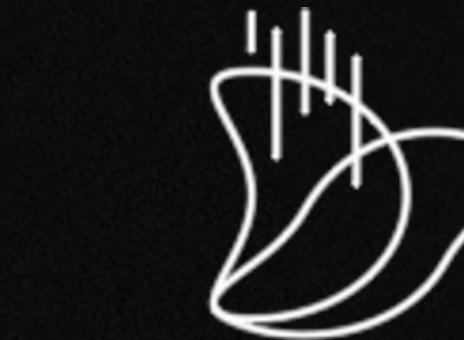
Revelation 2:4-5a NIV

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen!



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Daniel 9:20-23 NIV

While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill—²¹ while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.²² He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding.²³ As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed.”



2 Chronicles 20:1-4 NIV

After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

2 Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar” (that is, En Gedi). **3** Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. **4** The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.



2 Chronicles 20:5-6 NIV

Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard ⁶ and said: “LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.



2 Chronicles 20:7-9 NIV

Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, ⁹ ‘If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.’



2 Chronicles 20:10-11 NIV

“But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. ¹¹ See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance.”



2 Chronicles 20:12-13 NIV

"Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." ¹³ All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD.



2 Chronicles 20:14-15 NIV

Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. ¹⁵ He said: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.’”



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Stay in...

Stay close...

Stay away...



Stay in... the Word

Stay close... to God

Stay away... from Temptation





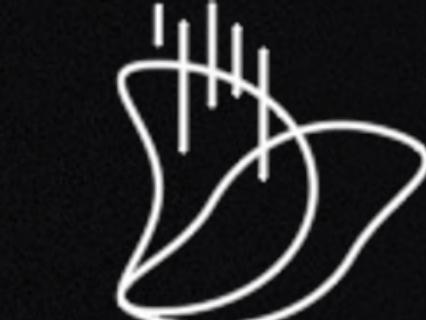
Ephesians 6:10 NIV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.



**Ephesians 6:11 NIV**

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.



“Evil rarely looks *evil* until it accomplishes its goal; it gains entrance by appearing attractive, desirable, and perfectly legitimate. It is a baited and camouflaged trap.”



Klyne Snodgrass

2 Corinthians 11:14 NIV
“Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.”





Ephesians 6:11-12 NIV

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.





Ephesians 6:13 NIV

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.





Ephesians 6:14-15 NIV

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.





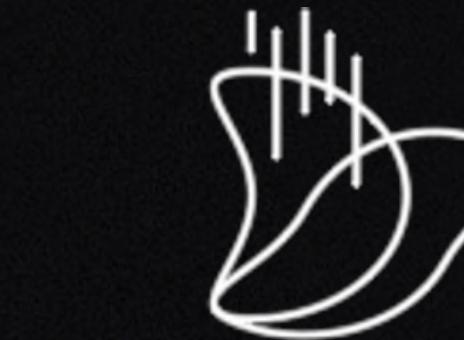
Ephesians 6:16 NIV

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.



1 Peter 5:8 NIV

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.



**Ephesians 6:16 NIV**

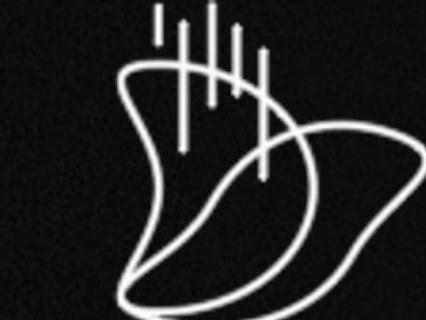
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Ephesians 6:17 NIV

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



Hebrews 4:12a NIV

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...





Ephesians 6:17 NIV

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Matthew 4:3-4 NIV

The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”





Matthew 4:5-7 NIV

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’’” ⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”





Matthew 4:9-11 NIV

“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.





Ephesians 6:18-20 NIV

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 Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.





Ephesians 6:21-24 NIV

Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. ²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. ²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.



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A Mighty Fortress is our God

For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not His equal

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim

We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo, his doom is sure
One little word shall fell Him



Martin Luther



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