

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend seven minutes discussing this week's talk. What was something that stood out to you or challenged you?
2. How big is the God that you worship? Take time to describe in detail the power of God in comparison to everything else. (See Matthew 8:23-27 for an example.)
3. Read Psalm 27:1, 40:1-2, and 55:22. How personal does God want our relationship with Him to be, especially when the storms of life come at us?
4. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What does each piece of armor mean to you? What would you expect to happen when you follow Paul's counsel to "put on the whole armor of God"?
5. What does John 16:33 tell us about the impact God can make in the outcome of our trials?
6. Read Psalm 23. When we face storms in life, where is our God?
7. Our ability to defend ourselves when we are under spiritual attack begins with our connection with Him and His Word. Which piece of armor in Ephesians 6:10-18 needs attention in your life?

Action Step:

Read and reflect on Ephesians 6:10-18. Which piece of armor needs attention in your life (which is the weakest)? Spend quiet time, not only your first seven minutes but several times during the day, honing the discipline that is lacking.



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When You're in a Fight

Where is God?

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

1 Peter 5:8 NIV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 NIV

And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man! The Lord has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the Lord has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood."

2 Samuel 16:7-8 ESV

So David and his men went on the road, while Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went and threw stones at him and flung dust.

2 Samuel 16:13 ESV

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

Psalms 42:1 NIV

Four things to remember when you're under spiritual attack!

1. _____

Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?"

Psalms 42:3 NLT

Jesus turned around and said to Peter, "Get away from me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my way, because these thoughts of yours don't come from God."

Matthew 16:23 GNT

"O God my rock," I cry, "why have you forgotten me? Why must I wander around in grief, oppressed by my enemies?" Their taunts break my bones. They scoff, "Where is this God of yours?"

Psalms 42:9-10 NLT

"The Lord rebuke you!"

Jude 19 NIV

2. _____

These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God, with the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Psalms 42:4 NASB

3. _____

Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help of His presence.

Psalms 42:5 NASB

But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.

Psalms 131:2 NIV

4. _____

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Psalms 42:11 NIV

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

1 John 4:4 NIV
