

### The Armor of Submission

**Main Point:** We imitate God by living with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and standing in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

**Submission** (Biblical definition) = Voluntary, humble, and wholehearted act of placing oneself under the authority or will of another. Ultimately from a desire to obey and honor Jesus.

*By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.* - John 5:30 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

<sup>6</sup> *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross.* - Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* - Romans 5:8 (NIV)

**Point #1:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our relationships.

And as you allow the Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ your heart and \_\_\_\_\_ you more deeply \_\_\_\_\_ will reshape all your relationships.

What did Jesus do?

- Jesus linked authority to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus taught about the \_\_\_\_\_ all are offered before God.
- Jesus taught about \_\_\_\_\_ respect.

**Point #2:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us for resistance.

Spiritual armor is given by \_\_\_\_\_ but worn by \_\_\_\_\_.

*They will say of me, 'In the Lord alone are deliverance and strength.'*

- Isaiah 45:24a (NIV)

*The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.*

- Exodus 14:14 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> *and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,*

- Ephesians 1:19-20 (NIV)

**Scheme** (verb): make plans, especially in a devious way or with intent to do something illegal or wrong.

**Scheme** (noun); usually applies to a plan motivated by craftiness and self-interest.

<sup>16</sup> *"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.*

- Matthew 10:16 (NIV)

*And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

- Colossians 2:15 (NIV)

*This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.*

- Romans 3:22a (NIV)

Always *be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

- 1 Peter 3:15b (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

- 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

**Point #3:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us through prayer.

Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ that strengthens every piece. It \_\_\_\_\_

us so we can stand \_\_\_\_\_ and fight \_\_\_\_\_.

Prayer must be (William Barclay):

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