

Unified | Stand and Fight
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With school starting, take some time to pray for our schools.

Start your discussion by reading Ephesians 6:10-23. Recall that Ephesus is an especially dark city spiritually. Look back at Paul's description of humanity in general in 2:1-3, and Ephesus in particular in 5:6—15.

What's behind the ongoing craziness and evil in this world? Watch and discuss this six-minute video if you can. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CamYtVpoTNk>

Why is it important to know that your life is going on in the midst of a cosmic battle? How does that influence you?

Identify the key words and commands in the passage.

Review the armor of God and discuss the importance of each piece.

- the belt of truth See 1 John 5:19-20 How was the belt used by the unit and not just the individual?
- the breastplate of righteousness Why was it open in the back and what compensates for the lack of back protection?
- the shoes
- the shield of faith
- the helmet of salvation and
- the sword of the Spirit

Kip's sergeant gave him good advice about being a jumpmaster. What was it and how does that help us in spiritual warfare?

How does the ancient advice of Sun Tzu illustrate Paul's point?

"Know the enemy and know yourself; in a hundred battles you will never be in peril."

What's the chink in your armor and how can your unit, your small group help?

Remember the challenge:

1. *Make your life a living prayer.*
2. *Challenge: Memorize Ephesians 6:10-12*

What else stood out to you from this weekend's message?