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EPHESIANS

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, EMPOWERED BY PEACE

STUDY 19 SPIRITUAL WARFARE 1

Ephesians 6:10-20



Living and working out spiritual
transformation in the church

EPHESIANS 6

1. Family and Work v1-9

2. Spiritual Warfare v 10-20



A person wearing a dark hoodie is seen from behind, pointing their right arm towards a bright, glowing light source in a dark, misty environment. The light source is a bright yellow-orange orb, and the surrounding air is filled with a fine mist or smoke, creating a dramatic, atmospheric effect. The background is dark and textured, possibly representing a large body of water or a dark landscape.

Casting everything in
terms of demonic
infestations

Shifts focus on the act of
casting them out

DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES



The problem is the
solution is reduced to a
single act

WILLIAM GURNELL

*It requires more prowess
and greatness of spirit to
obey God faithfully than to
command an army of men
...to be a Christian than to
be a Captain*



The
**CHRISTIAN
IN COMPLETE
ARMOUR**

William Gurnall

Introduction by J. C. Ryle

SIR FRANCIS BACON

- Cambridge at 12 yrs
- law, philosophy and science. He is often called the “father of the scientific method”
- 1603 he was knighted and then became , solicitor general, attorney general, , then Lord keeper of the Great Seal. The apex of his career was the Lord Chancellor of England



SIR FRANCIS BACON

*“I may truly say, my
soul has been a
stranger in the course
of my pilgrimage”*





WHY SPIRITUAL WARFARE?

**ELECTION
PREDESTINATION**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

THE CHALLENGE TO COMBINE THE TWO

Glory and Grace of God

The Peace of God in the church

Theological

Practical

Ephesians 1

Ephesians 2

Ephesians 3

Ephesians 4

Ephesians 5

Ephesians 6

Who God is and what
He has done for us in
Christ

How we should live because
of what He has done for us

THEOLOGICAL THEMES OF EPHESIANS RECAPITULATED CHALLENGE AROUSE TO ACTION

Righteousness
(4:24; 5:9),

Truth (1:13;
4:15, 21, 24, 25;
5:9),

Word of God
(1:13; 5:26),

Peace (1:2; esp.
2:14-18; 4:3; cf.
6:23),



Salvation (1:13;
2:5, 8; 5:23),

Faith (1:1, 13, 15, 19;
2:8; 3:12, 17; 4:5, 13)

Gospel (1:13; 3:6; cf.
2:17; 3:8)

ABRAHAMIC PARADIGM GENESIS 12-22

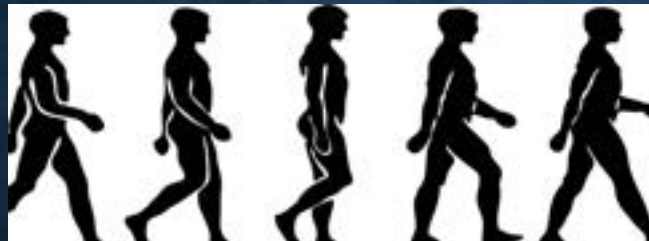
Promise



Confirmation



The Spiritual Warfare



SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

THE GOSPEL

“God’s plan of salvation” for lost people to be saved from sin’s penalty, .. is also “God’s plan of salvation” for Christians to be saved from sin’s power. The same Gospel message that saves sinners also sanctifies the saints.

A detailed marble relief sculpture depicting a chaotic battle scene. The scene is filled with numerous figures, including soldiers on horseback and on foot, engaged in combat. Some figures are shown in the process of killing, while others are being killed or are already dead. The composition is dense and dynamic, with a strong sense of movement and drama. The figures are rendered with realistic anatomy and detailed drapery. The overall tone is one of intense action and suffering.

CHRISTIAN LIVING AS WARFARE

- Urgent
- Life and death
- No choice
- Not to glorify war

A. WE NEED TO KNOW OUR ENEMY

Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against **the schemes of the devil.** 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

deception

swindle

fraud

SCHEME

sham

rip-off

shakedown

hustle

deceit

hoax

SCAM



Rich tycoon

Prime Minister

Goldman Sachs

Evil rarely looks evil until it accomplishes its goal; it gains entrance by appearing attractive, desirable, and perfectly legitimate.

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“I’m not party to the yacht, the paintings...I’ve never seen those paintings whatsoever,” said Najib. “I was not aware of these purchases. This was done without my knowledge. I would never authorize 1MDB funds to be used for any of these items. I’ve been in government so long, I know what’s right and what’s wrong,”



“Yes these were gifts, particularly with my daughter’s they were tagged, they were actually labelled: when, by whom,” adding that a lot of them were wedding presents.



NO SHAME



A photograph of former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, wearing a light blue surgical mask and a tan suit, surrounded by a crowd of people. Many people in the crowd are also wearing blue surgical masks. Some individuals are holding up smartphones to take pictures or videos. In the foreground, a hand with a gold ring is visible, reaching towards the center. The background shows a white metal gate and some greenery, suggesting an outdoor setting like a court or government building.

**NAJIB RAZAK, MALAYSIA'S FORMER
PRIME MINISTER, FOUND GUILTY IN
GRAFT TRIAL**

NEW YORK TIMES

26/7/2020 RICHARD C PADDOCK

A large crowd of people, many in formal attire, is gathered in front of a modern building with a prominent white dome. The crowd is dense and extends far into the background. Several blue banners are visible among the people. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene suggests a significant event or gathering.

CHURCH OF GOD – WORLD MISSION SOCIETY

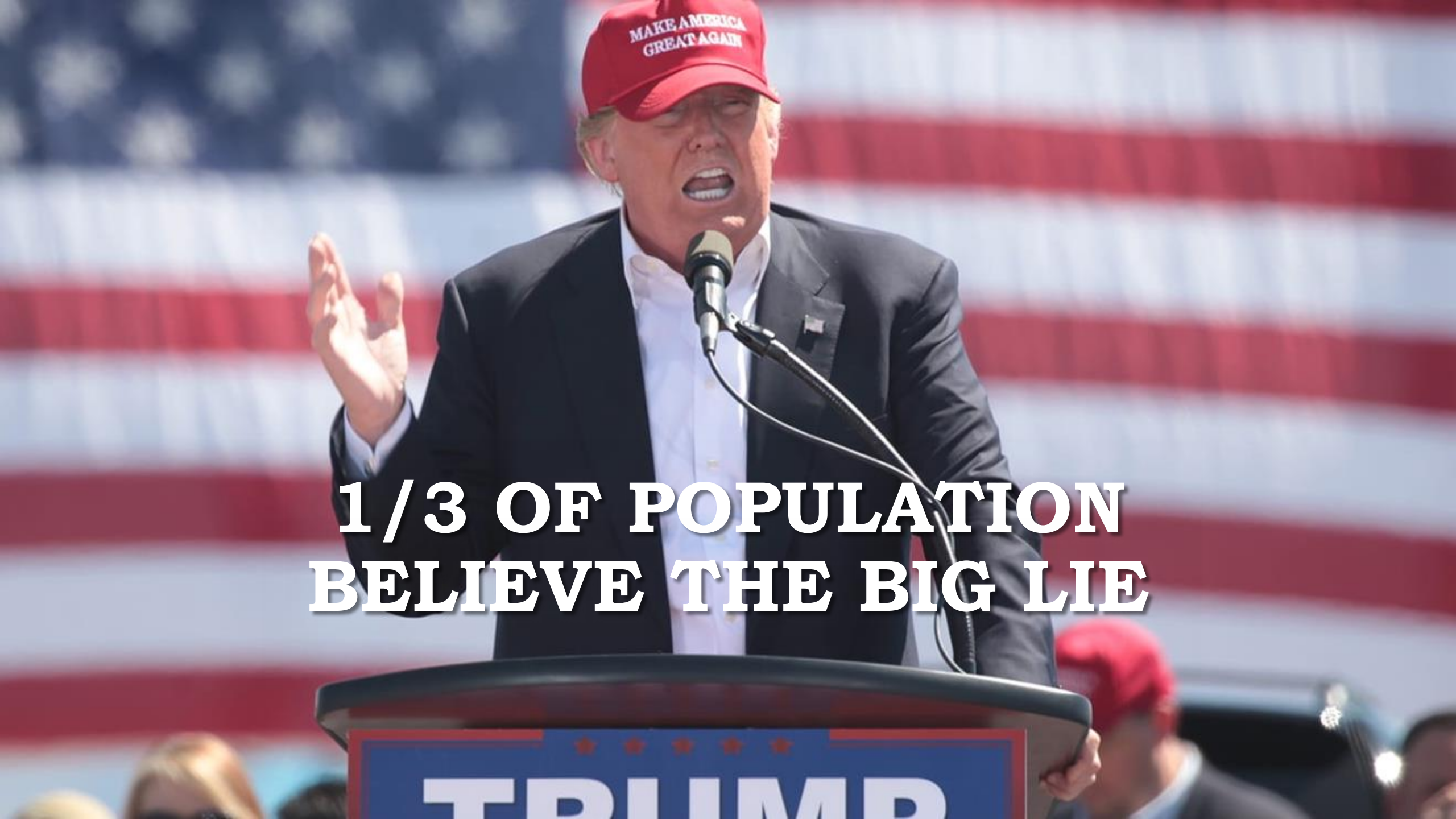
The Sabbath



Our Relationship With God



- A Korean Ahn Sahn Hong who died in 1985, was the second coming of Jesus Christ
- Korean woman named Zahng Gil Zahn is “god the mother” and spiritual wife of Ahn Sahng Hong.
- Salvation by works , observation of days
- All other churches filled with demons




**1/3 OF POPULATION
BELIEVE THE BIG LIE**

TRUMP



Utøya, an island in the Tyrifjorden lake in Norway, where
Anders Behring Breivik killed 69 people in July 2011 C



A close-up, high-contrast black and white photograph of a person's face, focusing on the eyes. The eyes are a striking, unnatural green color, glowing against the dark, textured skin. The person's expression is neutral but intense, with a slight shadow under the eyes. The background is dark and indistinct.

DSM DIAGNOSIS OF ANTI-SOCIAL PERSONALITY DISORDER (SOCIOPATH- PYSCHOPATH)

- Lying
- Deceitful
- Conning
- Impulsive
- Aggressiveness
- Reckless disregard for the safety of others
- Irresponsible
- Lack of remorse after hurting others and rationalizing having done so
- Failure to follow the law

INSIDE THE MIND OF ANDERS BREVIK



Everything in Anders Behring Breivik's history up until the horrific deed can be more or less found in every life story; he was and is one of us.

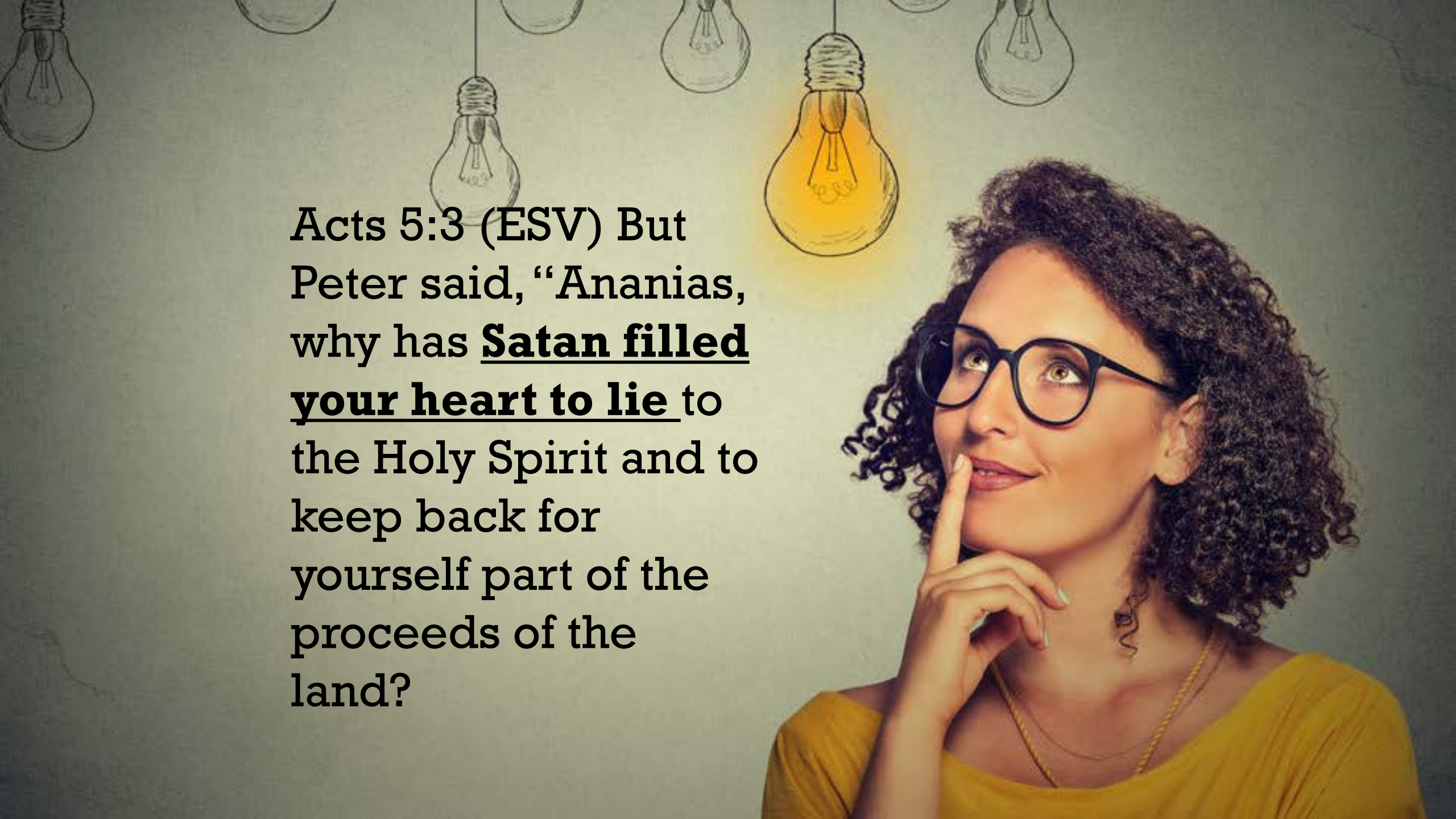
Karl Ove Knausgaard

SATANIC INFLUENCE

John 13:26-28 (ESV) Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. 27 Then after he had taken the morsel, **Satan entered into him.** Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.”

John 13:30 (ESV) So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he **immediately went out.** And it was night.

Mark 8:32-33 (ESV) And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”



Acts 5:3 (ESV) But Peter said, “Ananias, why has **Satan filled your heart to lie** to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?

SATANIC ACTIVITY






SATANIC ACTIVITY

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

B WE NEED USE HIS ARMOR

Passive tense—be made strong


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The background image shows a magnifying glass held over a computer screen. The screen displays a mix of binary code (0s and 1s) and HTML code. The HTML code includes tags like <abbr id="anld" class="jargon" style="color...>, <DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD...>, <link rel="stylesheet href="fancy.css" type="text/css" media="4.01//EN" "http://...>, <input type="checkbox" checked="checked" />, <meta http-equiv="foo" content="bar">, <style type="text/css">...</style>, </h1> <h2>... </h2> <h3>... </h3> <h4>... </h4> <h5>...</h5>, <html version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>, <link rel="stylesheet" href="/style/screen.css" type="text/css">, <script type="text/javascript" src="/script/site.js"></script>, and binary strings like 01000001 01010011 01000011 01001001 0101101111 01111000 00100000 00101101 001... The magnifying glass is positioned over the right side of the screen, focusing on the HTML code. The overall scene is lit with a blue glow from the screen.

Stuxnet ---ruined one-fifth of Iran's nuclear centrifuges. Targeting industrial control systems, the worm infected over 200,000 computers and caused 1,000 machines to physically degrade.

ITS IS SOFTWARE -COGNITIVE WEAPON

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 (ESV) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, 6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.



Psalms 35:1-3 (ESV)
Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! 2 Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! 3 Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, “I am your salvation!”

OLD TESTAMENT BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION

- It is related to the body parts
- It is personal armor
- Their metaphorical power derive from the part of the body they cover
- All the armor been drawn from OT passage



**CORRESPONDANCE
IN THE ARMOUR
AND PART IT
PROTECTS**

**TO THE SPIRITUAL
VULNERABILITY**

Paul would have been very familiar
with armor he was chained to the
soldier night and day



Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children



IT IS HIS ARMOR
NOT OURS

do not
manufacture your
own armor

THE ARMOR IS WHAT GOD WEARS

Isaiah 11:4-5 (ESV) but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

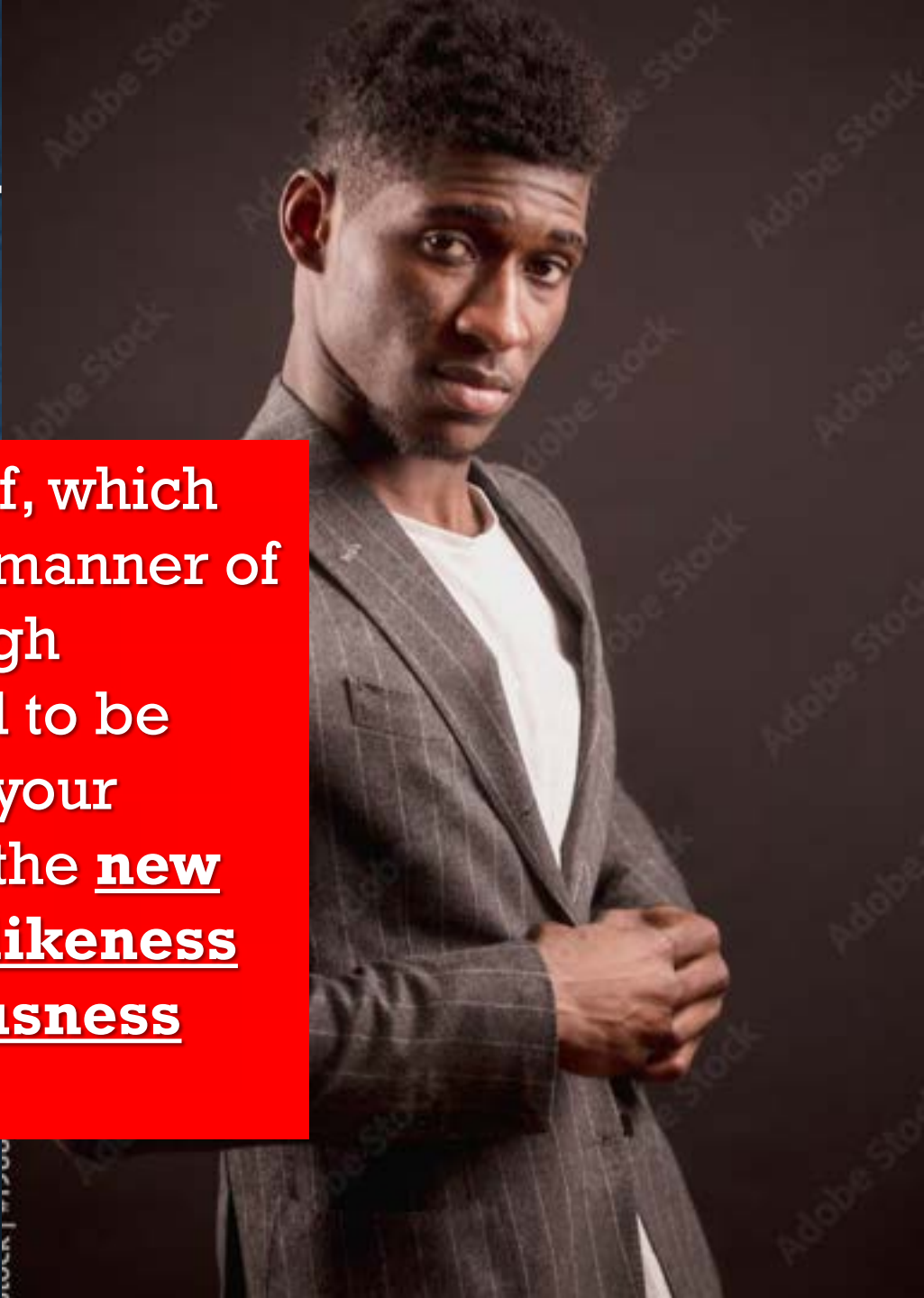
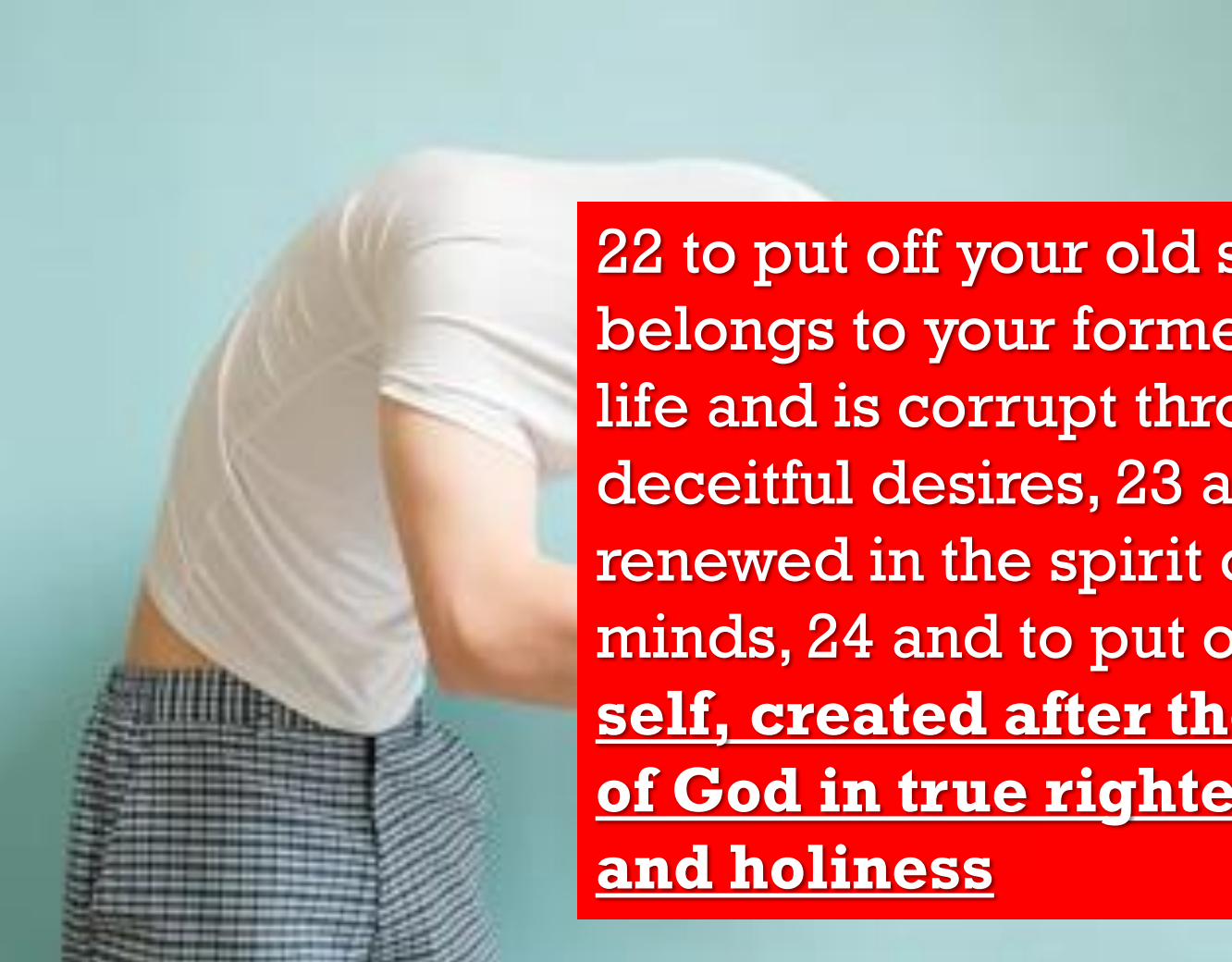
- Isaiah 59:17 (ESV) He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
- and a helmet of salvation on his head;
- he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
- and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Isaiah 52:7 (ESV) How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news, who
publishes peace, who brings good news of
happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion,
“Your God reigns.”

TAKE UP THE ARMOR IN ORDER TO STAND 5 PARTICIPLES

Ephesians 6:13-18 (ESV) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

EPHESIANS 4-METAPHOR



22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness

THE NATURE OF FAITH –PRESENT OR ABSENT

Luke 8:22-25 (ESV) One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came and they were tossed about, and the boat was filling with water and they were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

They just needed to exercise what faith they had

“Where is your faith?”

DECISION TO ACT BASED ON PREVIOUS REALITY

Romans 6:10-13 (ESV) 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness

NEW

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graph TD; NEW[NEW] --> Identity[Identity]; NEW --> Motives[Motives]; NEW --> Thinking[Thinking];
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Identity

Dead to Sin Alive to
God in Christ
New Nature born
again

Motives

Reciprocating
love to the one
who died for our
sins

Thinking

Should not
live in sin
Specific sins



ARMOR IS THE BENEFITS OF THE GOSPEL

You cannot
manufacture your
own armor

IF THE SEED IS GENUINE THEN THERE IS FRUIT

Gods righteousness



Our expression of Gods righteousness



Spiritual warfare is the struggle of expression what is implanted

How to Gird Up Your Loins



1. The tunic wouldn't allow you to do heavy labor or fight in battle, necessitating the "girding" of one's loins.



2. First, hoist the tunic up so that all the fabric is above your knees. This will give you mobility.



3. Gather all the extra material behind you, so that the back of the tunic is against your back.



4. Once the excess fabric is gathered in front, pull it underneath and between your legs to your rear. This feels much like a diaper.



5. Gather half of the material in each hand, bringing it back around to the front.



6. Finally, tie your two handfuls of material together, and you're all set for both battle and some hard labor. Go forth, ye men, and gird up your loins!



EACH ONE POINTS TO A REALITY ABOUT GOD THAT DETERMINES HUMAN ACTION.

Gift of God

Practice-transformation

Our integrity...right living

GODS TRUTH



GODS TRUTH

To belt on truth means to be **strengthened by God's truth** in the gospel and to **resolve to live truth.**

We are appropriating the entailments of what God has given us

SECURE IN THE TRUTH



Deception

Superstition

Women's right to abortion not
fetal right to life

Same sex marriage

Goal of life is happiness

False teaching

Truth

Truth of doctrine

Truth of heart,
sincerity;





War

Elections

Reform

Racism

**CONSTANTLY THINKING
SEEING LIFE THROUGH THE
LENS OF THE TRUTH**

Philippians 4:8-9 (ESV) Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, **think about these things**. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

PAUL THINKS

- Romans 8:18 (ESV) For I **consider** that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

All the suffering, beatings and he perseveres

We are filled with anxiety because we are not thinking

TO TELL THE TRUTH OR NOT

Rebuked by Anwar Ibrahim, who wanted
Lim to pacify investors.

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**YOU WANT LIES? GET JHO
LOW TO BE FINANCE
MINISTER: LIM GUAN ENG**

