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Big Idea: Because our battle is spiritual, we must fight with spiritual weapons to stand firm with God's armor.

"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil." **Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of **righteousness** in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the **gospel** of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of **faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of **salvation** ..." **Ephesians 6:14-17a (NIV)**

"He put on **righteousness** as His body armor and placed the helmet of **salvation** on his head. He clothed himself with a robe of vengeance and wrapped himself in a cloak of divine passion." **Isaiah 59:17 (NLT2)**

"The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem to buy back those in Israel who have turned from their sins," says the LORD. **Isaiah 59:20 (NLT2)**

Notes:

• The Helmet Of Salvation Is My Identity In

"But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the **hope of salvation**." **1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NASB)**

To Stand Firm With The Helmet Of Salvation, I Must: 1. _____ Destructive Patterns

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will." **Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

Feelings of being: [] unworthy [] unloved [] incapable [] undesirable [] unforgiveable [] ______ or [] losing my salvation

2. _____ How I've Given The Devil A Foothold

I've allowed: [] Fear [] Bitterness [] Anger [] Destructive Talk [] Gossip [] Pride

"So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace." **Romans 8:6 (NLT2)**

3. _____ Strongholds By Taking Thoughts Captive In My Identity In Jesus "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to **demolish strongholds**. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every **thought** to make it **obedient to Christ**." **2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV)**

Three Truths To Protect My Thoughts And Beliefs:

1. In Jesus, My Past Is _

"Even before He made the world, **God loved us** and **chose us** in Christ to be **holy and without fault** in His eyes. God decided in advance to **adopt us** into His own family by bringing us to Himself **through Jesus Christ**. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure." **Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT2)**

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast." **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)**

Notes:

2. In Jesus, My Present Is _____

"We can **rejoice**, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us **develop** endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our **confident hope of salvation**. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly **God loves us**, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." **Romans 5:3-5 (NLT2)**

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

Notes:

3. In Jesus, My Future _____

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is **God who makes** both us and you **stand firm** in Christ. He **anointed** us, set His seal of **ownership** on us, and put His **Spirit** in our hearts as a deposit, **guaranteeing** what is to come." **2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (NIV)**

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been **justified** by his blood, how much more shall we be **saved from God's wrath** through Him!" **Romans 5:8-9 (NIV)**

> What thoughts do I need to take captive?

My next right step I will:

- [] Identify destructive patterns and exchange them for God's truth
- [] Discuss the Talk It Over study guide with someone
- [] Invite someone to Easter 9:30 or 11:00 am
- [] Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior

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[This is only a guide - select the points you want to discuss.]

Big Idea: Because our battle is spiritual, we must fight with spiritual weapons to stand firm with God's armor.

Icebreaker: Where have you seen God show up in your life?

Review Remember Verse: Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT2)

"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil."

Read Ephesians 6:14-18

Isaiah 59:17-21 Where does righteousness and salvation come from?

What is God's promise for those who turn to God from their sins? (v. 20-21)

The Helmet Of Salvation Is My Identity In <u>Jesus</u> Read 1 Thessalonians 5:8

To Stand Firm With The Helmet Of Salvation, I Will: 1. <u>Identify</u> Destructive Patterns

Read Romans 12:2

What are some destructive thought patterns that I struggle with?

Feelings of being: [] unworthy [] unloved [] incapable [] undesirable [] unforgiveable [] ______ or [] losing my salvation

How can I change the thought patterns in my life?

2. <u>Confess</u> How I've Given The Devil A Foothold Read Romans 8:6

How have I allowed a foothold for the devil?
[] Fear [] Bitterness [] Anger [] Rehearsing lies []_____

3. <u>Demolish</u> Strongholds By Taking Thoughts Captive In My Identity In Jesus Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

"Take every thought captive" implies a lifestyle. What thoughts do I need to take captive daily?

Three Truths To Protect Your Thoughts And Beliefs: 1. In Jesus, My Past Is <u>Completely Forgiven</u> Ephesians 1:4-5 What do I learn about who I am in Jesus?

Ephesians 2:8-9

What does it mean to be "saved by grace and not by works"?

When did I place my trust in Jesus to save me by His grace?

Read Romans 8:1-2

What do I learn about my identity in Jesus?

2. In Jesus, My Present Is <u>Protected With Purpose</u> Read Romans 5:3-5

What do I learn about the problems and trials I go through in life?

Romans 8:28

What is God's promise?

3. In Jesus, My Future Is Secure

Read 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

What do I learn about God's promises?

What is needed for me to "stand firm"?

How does God provide a guarantee in my future?

Read Romans 5:8-9

What do I learn about my future?

Close in Prayer: