



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Title: Last Minute Instructions for the Fight of Your Life

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Ephesians 6:16–20)

INTRODUCTION

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:11)

1. _____

A. The Shield of _____

Quote: “As long as the soldier had his shield, he felt secure; and as long as a Christian has faith, he is safe. It comes to his aid in every attack that is made on him.”—**Barnes**

WE WERE SAVED BY FAITH

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

WE MUST HAVE FAITH TO PLEASE GOD

PROTECTED BY FAITH

“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara’s womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” (Romans 4:19–21)

B. The Helmet of _____

*“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:8)*

SALVATION IS OUR VICTORY

“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:” (Ephesians 2:1–2)

SALVATION IS OUR CONFIDENCE

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.” (John 10:27–29)

2. _____

A. God’s Word is _____

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

B. God’s Word Gives _____

*“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
(Matthew 4:4)*

Quote: “A single text of Scripture is better to meet a temptation than all the philosophy which the world contains.”—**Barnes**

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” (Psalm 119:9, 11)

3. _____

Quote: “Restraining prayer, we cease to fight; prayer makes the Christian’s armor bright, and Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.”

A. Prayer for _____

“Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Quote: “Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?”
—**Corrie ten Boom**

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16)

“Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.” (Hebrews 13:3)

“Brethren, pray for us.” (1 Thessalonians 5:25)

B. Prayer for _____

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

Quote: “Next to the wonder of seeing my Saviour will be, I think, the wonder that I made so little use of the power of prayer.”
—**D.L. Moody**

Quote: “The great fault of the children of God is, they do not continue in prayer, they do not go on praying, they do not persevere. If they desire anything for God’s glory, they should pray until they get it.”—**George Mueller**

Quote: “Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

CONCLUSION



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