

## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE COURSE SEVENTEEN

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE NEXT STEPS THE ARMOR OF GOD – PART 2

### How to Use This Guide

This self-study guide is a companion document to the video course “Spiritual Warfare Next Steps: The Armor of God – Part 2” This guide will help you get a comprehensive look at how to do a spiritual fast.

Each Glory to Glory Study guide is organized around five areas of learning:

1. **Synopsis of Key Learning** - The synopsis will provide summaries of key points from the video that are important for you to understand and serve as foundational knowledge for the next course in the learning series.
2. **Important Vocabulary and Concepts** - This study guide will provide explanation of important words or ideas that are critical to understanding biblical truth.
3. **Deeper Learning** - The more you know and understand about who God is and how He works, the deeper in love you fall. God wants to have a deep and abiding relationship with you. He desires for you to know Him. This section of guide will give you additional insights into the teaching from the video for you to study on your own. If you have questions, there will be mentoring moments in the online school for you to get your questions answered.
4. **Life Application** - God calls for us to not just be a hearer of His word, but a doer also. (James 1:22). This means that God expects for us to apply what we learn about Him in our everyday lives. This section of the study is to help you think about the ways to apply what you learn from the course to your everyday life.
5. **Memory Scriptures** - Scriptures that support key concepts in the course will be highlighted. We encourage you to memorize these scriptures by meditating on them until they are hidden in your heart. When you hide God's word in your heart, it makes it hard for the enemy to deceive you. In this way, you are less likely to sin against God. (Psalm 119:11)

### Introduction to Course Seventeen

This is the first of a 3-part series on the Armor of God. In this course, we look at the Armor of God as outlined in Ephesians 6:10-18. Part 2 covers the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit.

Spiritual Warfare Next Steps: The Armor of God	
<b>Synopsis</b>	(Ephesians 6:16-18) "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
<b>Key Vocabulary/ Concepts</b>	Full Armor - <b>3833</b> <i>panoplía</i> (from 3956 / <i>pás</i> , "every" and 3696 / <i>hóplon</i> , "weapon") – a complete set of defensive and offensive armor (weapons), i.e. everything needed to wage successful warfare; (figuratively) the full resources the Lord gives to the believer so they can successfully wage spiritual warfare. In this way they do not fight <i>for</i> victory – but <i>from His</i> victory!
<b>Deeper Learning</b>	<p>When we examine each piece of the Armor of God we see that they are defensive weapons, designed to protect us from an attack. However, the Sword of the Spirit is an offensive weapon which is the Word of God spoken.</p> <p>The Belt of Truth is the Logos word of God, the written word. So you read it and you reflect on it and you keep it in your thoughts. This is internal reflection. But the Sword of the Spirit is the Rhema word of God which is the spoken word of God. This is external. It has to come out of your mouth in order for the Sword of the Spirit to be used.</p> <p>We also know that the Roman soldier's sword during that time period was not a very long one but one that was shorter, like a dagger. To exact retribution at close range. This means that in a warfare scenario we need to discern when an enemy is at a distance or if they are at close range. Again, we are not referring to humans as our enemy but spiritual forces in the heavenly realms.</p>
<b>Life Application</b>	<p><b>Put on the Full Armor of God:</b></p> <p>The Shield of Faith is having full confidence in the Word of God and in God's promises for us. The Helmet of Salvation is the assurance that we</p>

	<p>are covered by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and it protects our identity and our spiritual gateways.</p> <p>When we think about how many people in our current society that are struggling with an identity crisis, it is evident they are not wearing the Helmet of Salvation.</p> <p>Our identity is found in our relationship with Jesus Christ.</p> <p><i>(Acts 17:28) "For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'</i></p> <p>When we come to know God, the Father, and we learn about Him by reading His word, then we automatically start to know who we are. Therefore, it is impossible for us to ever have an identity crisis when we know God intimately. We are His children. His offspring. We should strive to know Him more. This is where we get our assurance and our identity. Relying on our culture and society to dictate our identity will only cause confusion as this can change from one year to the next.</p> <p>God is Immutable and His word stands forever. (Malachi 3:6)</p> <p>Taking the time to look up scriptures that are related to whatever battle we are facing will make us prepared to use the Sword of the Spirit at the Kairos time. Take the time to write down these scriptures and keep them in a folder so you can easily pick them up and speak them into the atmosphere when needed.</p>
<p><b>Memory Scriptures</b></p>	<p>(Isaiah 55:10-11) "The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."</p>
<p><b>Prayer</b></p>	
<p>Abba Father,</p> <p>Thank you for Your Armor. Thank you that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. Casting down every imagination</p>	



that tries to exalt itself above the knowledge of God and taking captive every thought and bringing it into the obedience of Christ. Thank you that I can have full faith and confidence in Your word and promises. Thank you that the helmet of salvation helps me to guard my gateways and sustains my identity in Christ. Thank you that You will lead me to find the scriptures I need to wage warfare with the Sword of the Spirit at the appointed time, in Jesus name, Amen