

## Denise's TRAIN for Day 14

Text —

### Eph. 6:10-18

*10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18And 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 saints.*

### Reality

We get wrapped up in the “here & now” until someone dies or someone calls our attention to— hey, this isn't all there is to life! There is another dimension going on out there that we can't see. ---Before you say “Denise, you are getting on all weird on us” I want you to know in these last two years alone, I have seen more spiritual warfare won through prayer than ever before when I stopped & finally realized what was going on: That it wasn't just moods, depression, hormones, life's ups & downs---but spiritual warfare that when acknowledged & prayed over & scripture said over, God called his armies in to fight on our behalf. So this verse is a wake-up call for us Christians! Yes, Satan is sneaky & will disguise it but we must: *13put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground.*

### Application —

First be aware & not naïve of the spiritual warfare going on in your life as a Christian & in the lives of your family. Vs 12 says *12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.* But we can't let that intimidate us because *“Greater is He (Jesus) that is in us, that He that is in the world (Satan)” (1 John 4:4).*

*Vs. 11--Put on the armor to stand against the devils schemes* (that is what he has to resort to)— how? By getting to church, reading & memorizing God's word (I'm talking to myself!) &

praying. Tim has a picture of the father praying over his child's bed while in the background you can see that an angel and a demon are battling over that child's soul & heart. Pray, folks, pray!

God's word is a weapon against Satan—Jesus used scripture—we can too. It is called the sword.

## Interaction with God

God, please forgive me when I have been swept into Satan's schemes & fallen. Forgive me, God, for some areas I have let Satan get a hold of. Help me take them back for You. You have warned me that our battle is not against flesh & blood but that is so hard to remember sometimes, God, because we get so wrapped up in our schedules and our ballgames and our clothes and our school and work and families...help me to stay focused on You through all that. God, help me to keep my working at memorizing scripture & be able to fight Satan with your sword because otherwise I am pretty weak on my own. God, please put a hedge of protection around my family—Tim, Rachel, Lauren, Becca, & myself—an army of your angels to fight off the demons attacks. Keep us close to you. Thank you for how they have blessed my life & give us good time together this weekend. Help Lauren & Becca take the news good of something. I am praying the outcome was good for them both. Please help Rachel adjust to her housemates & classes. Help one of her relationships grow a step stronger this week.

God, be w/ my sister's family & church & protect them as I know Satan is attacking them right now & help them to put on your armor and stand firm.

## Next Step

Keep me aware of spiritual warfare...getting some areas of my heart under control Satan has been slowly sneakily getting a hold of.

Keep me confessing my mind & heart to keep them pure before You.

Help me be a godly wife and mom.

Help me to be your daughter, God, by: ***14 Standing firm, putting on the 14 breastplate of righteousness in place by living for You, being in your 17 Word daily and memorizing scripture to fight Satan with, & 18 praying for others.***