“The Fight pt.3” 3 Day SOAP

**Part 1: Take Up the Whole Armor**

**Scripture:** “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.” Ephesians 6:13 ESV

**Observation:** The armor of God represents the tools God has given us to defend against the advances of the enemy. Each of these items has a specific purpose and must be used accordingly. In the midst of the most intense struggle when it feels like all we are doing has failed we are commanded to simply stand firm. This is a testament to the armor of God giving us the ability not only to defend, but also to endure.

**Application:** Are you currently in a spiritual battle? Do you feel like you are utilizing the armor of God? Have you been able to successfully defend against the attacks of the enemy? Are you at a point where you are leaning on God as you patiently endure the circumstances afflicting you?

**Prayer:** Ask God for greater strength as you defend against the attack of the enemy. Ask Him to highlight which piece of armor you need most right now. Trust Him to protect you in this battle.

**Part 2: In All Circumstances**

**Scripture:** “In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;” Ephesians 6:16 ESV

**Observation:** The most agile defensive tool we have is the shield of faith. Our faith should be the first line of defense against every attack, every lie, and every advance of the enemy. The stronger our faith gets, and the more skilled we become at using our faith as a defense; the greater our success will be.

**Application:** Do you feel as if your faith is strong against the attack of the enemy? How can you strengthen your faith and utilize it better as a defensive tool? Which scriptures do you use most when exercising your faith to defend against the schemes of the enemy?

**Prayer:** Ask God for greater faith. Ask Him to show you passages of scripture you can use today to protect against the advances of the evil one.

**Part 3: Victory Through Faith**

**Scripture:** “For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.” 1 John 5:4 NLT

**Observation:** We as children of God have the victory ultimately over the evil of this world even when it doesn’t feel like it. This victory is found solely in our faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross. Regardless of our circumstances and no matter how discouraged we may become; Christ has still overcome the world.

**Application:** Take inventory of your personal level of faith. Do you feel as if your faith is rock solid and unshakable? Do you feel like your faith needs to be boosted and renewed? What is one thing you can do right now to strengthen your faith in Christ?

**Prayer:** Repent of your sin. Ask God to renew your faith. Open your Bible and meditate on God’s Word. Allow Him to speak to your heart.