



ONE

Devotional 2026



**20 YEARS
RESTORING FAMILIES
WITH GOD**





ONE ARMY

ZECHARIAH 8:23 NLT

THIS IS WHAT THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES SAYS...

Although many may not like this perspective, the Bible is clear on this point: we are in the midst of a spiritual war. This is not a poetic metaphor or religious exaggeration; it is a permanent spiritual reality. The problem is that many believe they can remain neutral, as if not taking sides would keep them safe. However, the reality is that in war, neutrality does not exist. Those who do not fight are exposed. This is exactly what happened to Benjamin Martin in the movie *The Patriot*. He thought that staying out of the war would protect his family. However, the war came to his home, killed one of his sons, and took another.

The lesson is clear: spiritual warfare is real and inevitable; not participating does not prevent conflict, it only leaves you defenseless when it arrives.

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies...

Ephesians 6:12 NLT

Our fight is not against people, governments, or visible systems, but against real and organized spiritual forces. The Bible speaks of evil rulers, authorities of the unseen world, powerful forces of the dark world, and evil spirits in the heavenly realms. This shows us that the enemy has a strategy, a hierarchy, and clear objectives. Peter confirms this when he says:

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 NLT

The enemy never rests, never negotiates, and never shows mercy. Ignoring him won't make him disappear.

Many think, "If I don't bother anyone, no one will bother me", "I don't hurt anyone", "I'm not that spiritual but I'm not that bad either." However, Scripture shows us that not fighting back is exactly what the enemy wants.

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy...

John 10:10 NLT

Every day you are under attack: your peace, your relationships, your dreams, your identity, your purpose—everything you are and everything you have been given is under attack. Not getting involved doesn't protect you; it leaves you defenseless, allowing the enemy to do whatever he wants with you and what belongs to you. For this very reason, it's important to understand that we must be activated by this reality because God didn't call us to be victims, but soldiers—soldiers in His army, and doers of His will.

Put on all of God's armor...

Ephesians 6:11 NLT

God does not save us to hide, but to resist and stand firm. That is why He gives us a complete suit of armor:

- Belt of truth – so we don't live deceived.
- Breastplate of righteousness – to protect our hearts from everything, especially from offense.
- Shoes of the gospel of peace – to move forward, not to flee.
- Shield of faith – to extinguish the enemy's darts.
- Helmet of salvation – to protect our minds and thoughts.
- Sword of the Spirit – the Word of God, our offensive weapon.
- None of this is decorative. It is a weapon of war.

Note something important: armor doesn't protect your back because God never intended us to fight by running away. We don't fight alone: we are an army. Spiritual warfare is not won alone. Ephesians 6 ends by saying:

Pray... Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Ephesians 6:18 NLT

This reminds us that we are not isolated warriors, but a united army, that we have each other's backs, that we fight together and conquer as ONE.

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT

The enemy knows that an isolated believer is easier to defeat, but a united people is unstoppable. God's promise: victory in unity. God never promised the absence of battle, but He did promise His presence and His victory; that in every situation we would emerge more than conquerors.

...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:37 NIV

But there is one clear condition: victory is achieved when we remain as ONE. A single soldier may tire, but an army marching together is unstoppable. "He promised to be with us and give us victory in every situation... if we remain as ONE."

Application:

In what areas of your life can you identify that you are under attack right now?
Are you prepared to take a stand, or do you prefer to remain neutral, even knowing that this is where you are most at risk and most vulnerable?
What decisions do you need to make to join the ranks of the victorious army?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for showing me the spiritual reality in which I live. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be called your child, and also for calling me to be part of your army. Today I ask for your forgiveness for having maintained a neutral position and being a stumbling block to the advancement of your church. I am repentant and determined to assume the role you have given me in your army; to fight the good fight of faith. Belt of truth—so that I may not live deceived. Today I put on your breastplate of righteousness that protects my heart from everything, especially from offense. I put on the shoes of the gospel of peace—to move forward, not to flee. I take up the shield of faith—to extinguish the fiery darts of the enemy. I cover my mind with the helmet of salvation—to protect my mind and my thoughts. And the sword of the Spirit—the Word of God, our offensive weapon so that I may remain faithful in the position you have given me. Thank you because by being ONE with you, the result is guaranteed, and I know that I will see victory in you. I trust in you, and I move in obedience to your word and your will. In Jesus' name. Amen!

