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[Ephesians 6:10-17](#)

Did you know that you're in a battle every day of your life? The enemy's goal is to weaken, deceive, and lead believers astray. God protects all who belong to Him, so wicked forces can never touch our salvation ([1 Peter 1:3-5](#)). But they can lead us into sin, cause discouragement, ruin our witness for Christ, and bring about other damage.

The main charge in today's passage is "Stand firm," and it's mentioned three times (Eph. 6:11; Eph. 6:13-14). Paul says the purpose of the armor of God is to enable us to stand our ground in the battle, and his list of armor would not be complete without the footwear mentioned in verse 15. The soles of a Roman soldier's sandals were studded with iron hobnails, which enabled him to stand his ground against an enemy assault.

Today our anchoring footwear is faith in the gospel, which not only grants us peace with the heavenly Father but also makes us Satan's adversaries. So plant your feet and anchor yourself on a solid foundation of faith. When we don't avail ourselves of the protection provided through Christ, we're more likely to give way in the fight and yield to Satan's temptations.

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[Psalm 26:1-12](#)

Most of us have heard testimonies of believers who were saved from a lifestyle of horrendous sin. After listening to such accounts, have you ever felt that your less dramatic testimony is somehow not as valuable? In reality, the salvation God has worked for each one of His children is equally extraordinary. No matter how good or bad one's life appears, every person is born sinful and in dire need of a Savior.

Psalm 26 is a testimony from David about his integrity and trust in the Lord. He walked in God's truth, avoided the company of evildoers, and proclaimed His delight in the Lord. We would hardly call this psalm unimpressive. Few people can speak so honestly and confidently about their walk

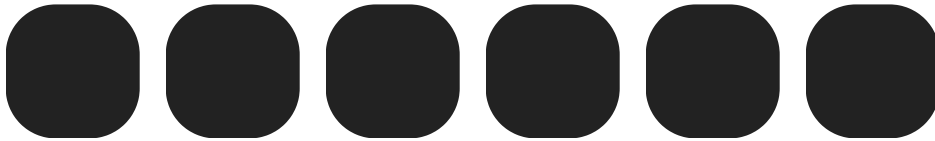
with the Lord, and it's a great encouragement for us to hear from a lifelong believer.

David's testimony reminds us to express what God has done and is doing in our life. A personal faith story is a powerful tool, both for arousing an unbeliever's curiosity about spiritual matters and for motivating a believer to pursue holiness. No matter how commonplace our words may sound compared to someone else's, the Lord can use them to impact listeners. You have no idea how far-reaching your "ordinary" testimony can be.

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[2 Chronicles 20:5-12](#)

Yesterday we saw that when facing an intimidating military force, King Jehoshaphat immediately sought the Lord in prayer. But he didn't begin with anxious requests for deliverance. Instead, after focusing attention on God's power over all earthly kingdoms, he recounted the Lord's past faithfulness and mighty acts on behalf of Israel. Jehoshaphat also recalled God's promise to hear and save the nation when they cried out for help. Only then did the king make his request.

This is a good pattern for our prayers as well. Unfortunately, we at times have a short memory when it comes to the Lord's interventions on our behalf. If that's the case, then later, when we're fearful again, it's hard to remember specific ways God has already proven Himself.

This is why I encourage every believer to keep a journal—a written record of the Lord's faithfulness. During times of helplessness, we want encouragement, not just from how God has worked in history or in the world, but from the particular ways He has worked in our own life.

When you take time to record specific things that your heavenly Father has done, you'll gain greater understanding of His loving purposes. He will begin to reveal how He's been working to make your life a beautiful display of His glory.

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Matthew 7:7-11

Have you become disillusioned with prayer? Perhaps you've been persistently asking, seeking, and knocking, but God hasn't answered your request. If that's the situation, you may be wondering why so many Christians speak about the power of prayer when it seems ineffectual in your life.

Verses 9-11 of today's passage help us understand the bigger picture. Jesus draws a comparison between earthly fathers and the heavenly Father. He notes that a human father, who is flawed and limited, can give good things to his children. So it stands to reason that the heavenly Father, who is all-powerful and all-knowing, will give what's beneficial to His children.

Sometimes, however, we are like spiritual toddlers. In our limited understanding, we don't realize that our requests aren't always what God deems best for us. Prayer is powerful when our petitions are according to His will but not when they're self-willed ([1 John 5:14-15](#)).

What's amazing is that God uses the prayers of His people to accomplish His plans. He's completely sufficient without us, but prayer teaches us humility, dependence, submission, and trust. Intimacy with God is built when we come to Him with our praises, thanks, confessions, and petitions. The profit of prayer is not that can we receive something but that we're able to relate to the One who supplies all our needs.

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[Hebrews 7:11-28](#)

Prayer is a truly remarkable privilege, and we must be careful to treat it as such. Have you ever paused to consider why a holy God would condescend to even *listen* to our petitions, let alone answer them? The Lord is so perfect that the smallest hint of sin is incompatible with His presence. Human beings, on the other hand, are inherently sinful. Yet God wants to commune with us, so He made a way for that to be possible.

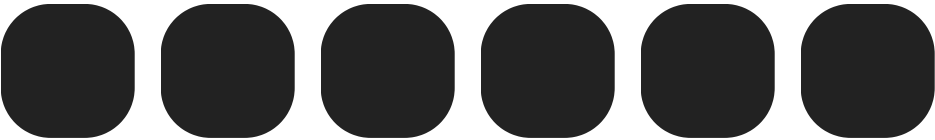
Before Jesus' death and resurrection, priests repeatedly offered sacrifices to cover the people's transgressions. Animal blood, however, never permanently did away with sin. So God sent His Son to be the perfect "once for all time" atoning sacrifice for everyone who trusts in the Savior (Heb. 7:27). Because Jesus Christ paid our entire sin debt with His precious blood, we can now enter into God's holy presence.

Let's not underestimate the significance of being able to speak with the Lord. As those who have been forgiven of all sin, we are now welcome to draw close to the Father in prayer because His Son is our permanent high priest, eternally covering us in a veil of His righteousness.

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