

What are you anchored to?

Mark 16:15-18 NLT

Does your heart ache? Do you feel the burden so heavy that you could just weep?

Ephesians 6:10-18 NLT

Do you wear your armor daily? Or are your defenses broken down? Or could it possibly be you have never put your armor on?

John 14:12-14 NLT

Do you believe what He said or do you merely believe in God?

This evangelist believes that one of the biggest reasons why Christians don't live out the life of go.... Is fear. Yes it can be disguised as apathy & busyness but I think the root could just possibly be fear.

And that fear is anchored in not knowing the truth.

God's word says "For He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a strong mind. 2 Timothy 1:7"

But let's think why we would not share the good news or pray healing over someone in need?

I'll mess up

What if

Car wreck, you see it happen right in front of you and someone goes flying out the window and you see blood everywhere. But do not stop. Most people would think that you were cruel but aren't we just a cruel to know tell someone about Jesus.

Hell is a real place and we will all live for eternity. We will either live in heaven with God or in Hell eternally separated from God.

But if you examine these excuses closely you will see the true root is truth.

If you know the truth all of these excuses will disappear.

Ephesians list of the armor starts with the belt of truth.

Let me read to you something the Holy Spirit spoke to me over a year ago about the armor.

Holy Spirit Revelation:

Put on my full armor everyday. Test yourself to see if you are in the faith; if not tighten the belt of truth so I can reveal to you where your armor needs to be sured up.

*Are you testing yourself daily?

The sword of my spirit should flow through you like your blood flows through you and reaches every part of you.

*Blood what it doesn't reach will die

The shield of faith is the DNA that makes up you. Like your very skin is a protective covering.

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things we cannot see.

The Helmet of Salvation, the helmet is hard, the hardest piece of the armor because it must protect your mind like the skull protects the brain. The enemy cannot penetrate it when you are wearing it.

*Battlefield of the mind

Your breastplate of righteousness is like the sternum and ribs protecting the heart, my righteousness protects your wellspring of life. All life starts in the spirit, in the heart.

- Your shoes of peace is living the life of grace everywhere you go, with everyone you meet. Shoes are to protect your feet so you can walk longer and farther but shoes can be attractive in addition to being functional and the beauty of grace is that it not only goes and moves but that it attracts others to grace.
- The Belt of truth it all starts here you must know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jesus himself said you will know the truth and the truth will set you **free**.

For years I've heard this scripture preached on and everyone I've heard preach on it always reference the freedom from sin and it does that but is that the only thing free means?

- Now you are free to Do –Exactly what He gave you the authority to do. I just read you scriptures that said what you can do.
 - Tell people about Jesus
 - Heal the sick
 - Raise the dead
 - Walk on water

Do you believe God or just believe in God?

It starts here with the belt of truth.

The Belt of Truth.

The belt of truth is the first piece of the armor.

Belt = Anchor

Balloon & Fan - Visual

What is an anchor for?

- Visual description
- Gives
- Stability
- Security
- Dependence for safety
- Anchors are emblems of hope

Balloon example here: anchored to the truth.

Anchors also can direct your course

This confidence is like a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. Hebrews 6:19

But as for the upright, He directs his way. Proverbs 21:29

I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soils of God's marvelous love. Ephesians 3:17

Once you know the truth you must obey the truth.

Obedience – Surrender your will. Are you obeying god when he asks you to do something?

JOG – tell story about surrender / obedience. One morning while jogging the Holy Spirit had me lay down in the middle of the street, hop fast on one foot than the other, run backwards, and dance to bring the point home. "Sometimes you may feel silly, sometimes you may not understand why, sometimes you may feel like you are jumping

through hoops but I am in-charge and at work and you can't always see what I am doing"

You won't know the truth and feel secure in it if you don't know what His truths are.

But I do nothing without consulting the Father. I judge as I am told. And my judgment is absolutely just, because it is according to the will of God who sent me; it is not merely my own. John 5:30

Cast out demons – Tell the story

Hard lesson

Expectant Dependency

Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly. Psalm 5:3 NLT

Knowing God's Truth's – you must read His word and let the Holy Spirit reveal to you His truths and allow Him to work in and through you.

Ask anything in my name

Mustard seed – not mustard plant

Peter walked on water

Not no faith – but loss of faith due to

Letting voices in his head and noises around him rob from him a blessing.

Don't let other things; other Christians put doubts in your mind.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things we cannot see.

Faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. I Corinthians 2:5

Desire earnestly the best gift. I Corinthians 12:31

Best Gift is the one needed at the time it is needed.

For the word of God is alive and active... Hebrews 4:12

The truth is not something; the truth is a person (Jesus Christ).

“I am the truth”

Christ is the truth

Are you anchored in Christ?

Is Christ your belt of truth?

Once we know Christ we are giving a JOB.

Rev. 22:20

Surely I come quickly.

Knowing the truth sets you free.

- Free from sin

- Free to do...

- Free to do as Christ did.

Are you ready to not just believe in God but Believe God... Believe what he says.

Matthew 16:24-25

Call forward everyone ready to Go. To do, to know the truth.

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