



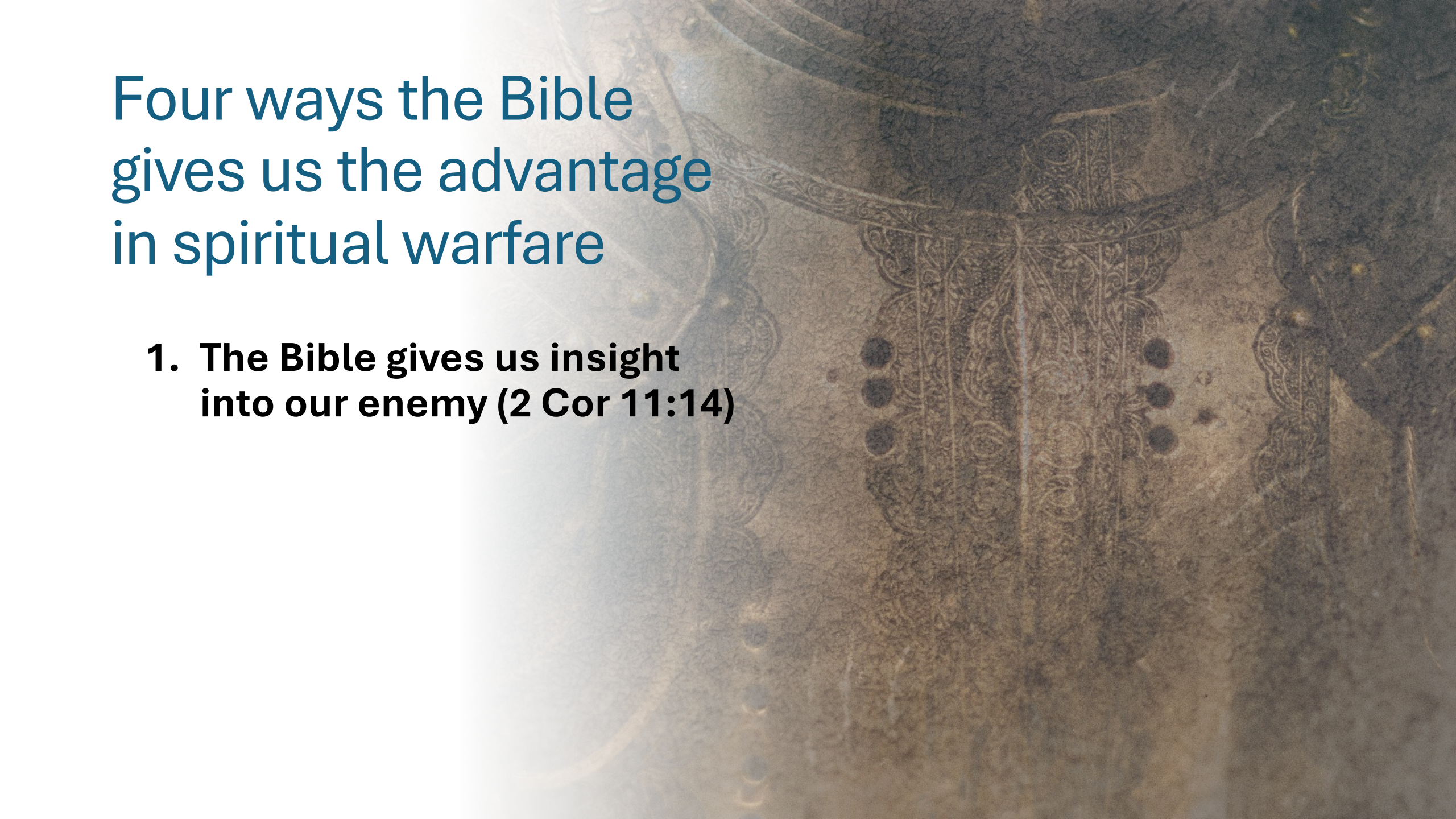
WAGING WAR

THE UNSEEN BATTLE



EQUIP THE MIND

2 COR 10:1-5



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Recap:

- The spiritual realm is serious
- The opponent of God/Christians
- Your enemy (adversary, “satan”)
- The deceiver (“devil”)
- A murderer (like a lion, seeking someone to devour)
- Be alert but not alarmed
- Remember you’re in victorious company

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“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

~ John 8:44

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Genesis 2-3 (NASB)

GOD	The LORD commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.” (Gen 2:16-17)
SATAN	“Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden ’?” (Gen 3:1)
EVE	The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden [<i>“any tree”</i>] we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it , or you will [<i>“surely”</i>] die.’” (Gen 3:2-3)
SATAN	“ You will not surely die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Gen 3:4-5)

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So what does that mean?

Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5)

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*Spiritual warfare is
fought on the
battlefield of truth*

**For John, Paul and Jesus,
the Word of God is
essential in defeating
the devil.**

Are you equipped?

**Shoes of the
Gospel of Peace**

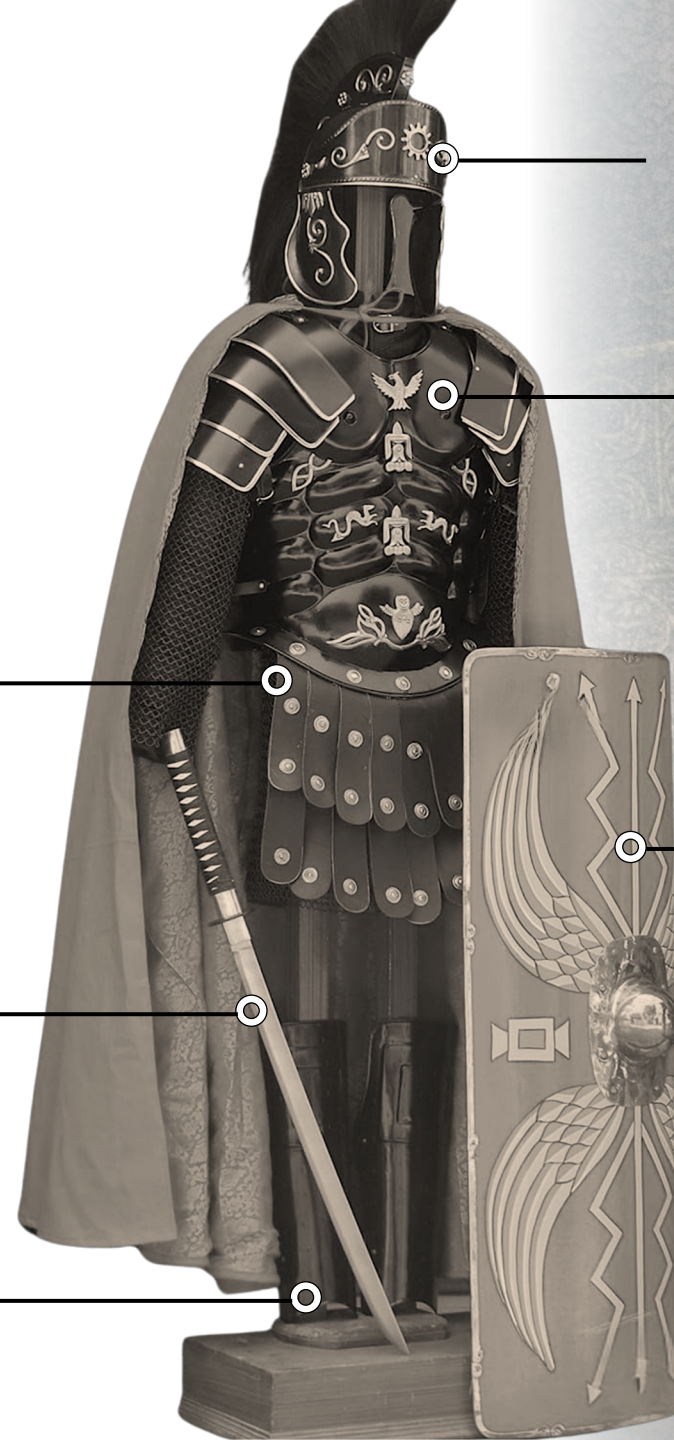
**Sword of
the Spirit**

**Belt of
Truth**

**Breastplate of
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**Helmet of
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**Shield of
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- *It brings comfort (Ps 23:4; 27:13; 2 Cor 1:3-5)*
- *It brings strength (Ps 119:28)*
- *It brings hope (Ps 119:49-50, 81)*
- *It brings protection (Ps 119:114)*
- *It provides guidance (Ps 119:105)*
- *It provides sustenance (Jer 15:16; 1 Pet 2:2)*
- *It provides victory over sin (Ps 119:11)*
- *It cleanses us (Eph 5:26)*
- *It points us to Jesus (Lk 24:27)*

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4. **The Bible helps us delight in God (The whole thing)**

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- Read it, recall it, study it, sing it!
 - Learn how to use it
- Read Psalm 119 this week