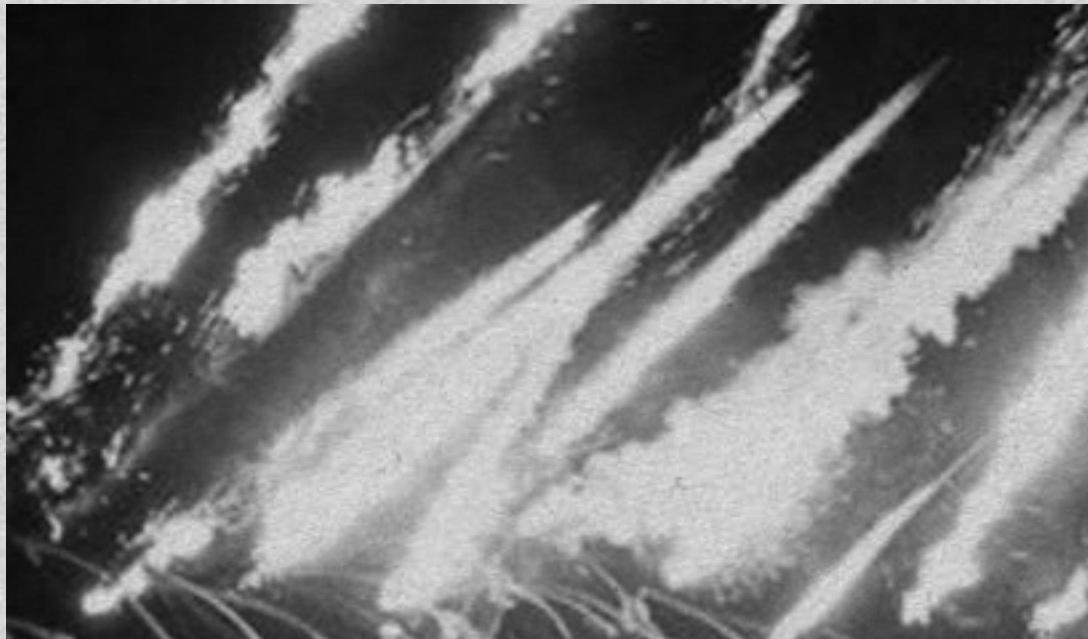


STAND FIRM!



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

THE ENEMY: WHO IS HE?

Titles: the Devil, Satan, Lucifer, Tempter, Ruler of Demons, Beelzebul, the Evil One, the Deceiver, the Father of Lies

The devil prowls around like a roaring lion always seeking to devour. He disguises himself as an angel of light. He can only speak lies; that is his native tongue. He entices and lures. He deceives and murders. He has an army of evil minions working for him because he can't be in all places at once. He is not all knowing, and he is

not sovereign. He is nothing like our King Jesus and he will never be.

Take heart and do not be afraid! Our Enemy's time is running out. The ending has already been written. He is wreaking havoc now, but Jesus is being glorified all the more as we persevere and stand firm against the devil. The Liar's demise is coming, and when it does, all the saints will gather and worship the Savior of the world. All hail King Jesus!

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

“The Word of God is like a lion. You don't have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself.”

– Charles Spurgeon

STAND FIRM SERIES SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: JULY 11 & 14

Wrestle Not Against Flesh and Blood

WEEK 2: JULY 18 & 21

Belt of Truth

WEEK 3: JULY 25 & 28

Breastplate of Righteousness

WEEK 4: AUGUST 1 & 4

Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

WEEK 5: AUGUST 8 & 11

Shield of Faith

WEEK 6: AUGUST 15 & 18

Helmet of Salvation

WEEK 7: AUGUST 22 & 25

Sword of the Spirit

WEEK 8: AUGUST 29 & SEPTEMBER 1

Prayer

WEEK 9: SEPTEMBER 5 & 8

Boldly Proclaim the Gospel

IT IS WRITTEN

LIE The devil's temptations are too powerful for me to overcome. **TRUTH** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. *James 4:7*

LIE I have screwed up my life so badly that I will never experience joy. **TRUTH** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. *John 10:10*

LIE I am stuck in darkness. **TRUTH** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Colossians 1:13-14*

LIE I am hopeless. **TRUTH** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. *Romans 8:24-25*

LIE I am unlovable. **TRUTH** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8*

LIE I am defined by my past. **TRUTH** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

LIE I am paralyzed by my fears. **TRUTH** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. *Joshua 1:9*

LIE I am not forgiven. **TRUTH** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. *Psalm 103:10-14*

LIE My actions can cause God to stop loving me. **TRUTH** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate

us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:35-39*

LIE I can't trust God. **TRUTH** if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself. *2 Timothy 2:13*

LIE I am controlled by my feelings/lust. **TRUTH** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

LIE I will never break my bad habit or addiction. **TRUTH** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

LIE I am a failure. **TRUTH** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. *2 Corinthians 12:9-10*

STAND FIRM: CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2. The shoes of the gospel of _____.

4. Put on the whole _____ of God.

5. The _____ comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

7. The breastplate of _____.

8. The _____ of faith.

9. Be sober-minded; be _____.

DOWN

1. The sword of the _____.

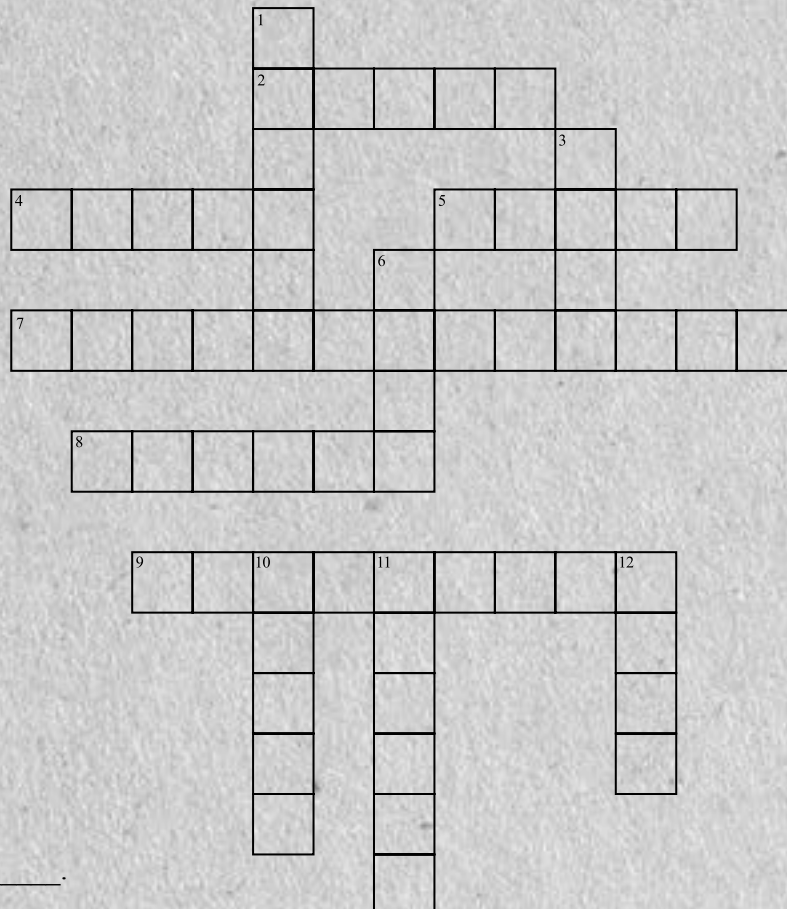
3. The devil prowls around like a roaring _____.

6. Be strong in the _____.

10. The belt of _____.

11. The _____ of salvation.

12. The devil is the Father of _____.



PRAYER

Lord, clothe me with...

the belt of truth

Put Your truth at the forefront of my mind, deep within my heart and on my lips today.

the breastplate of righteousness

Apart from You there is no righteousness, but through Jesus I have been made righteous in Your sight. Help me to live as a righteous person.

shoes fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace

Prepare me to obey You and go wherever You say to go. Give me the words and wisdom to share Your gospel and be a peacemaker.

the shield of faith

Strengthen my trust in You as I go through trials and temptations today. Remind me of Your faithfulness.

the helmet of salvation

Remind me that nothing can separate me from Your love and that I've been saved by grace. Please continue to produce in me the fruit of the Spirit.

the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God

Renew my mind with Your Word and give me a thirst and hunger for it. Help me to understand and apply Your Word as the devil tries to deceive me.

THE SIX PIECES OF ARMOR



Belt of Truth

The belt is worn at all times and supports the other parts of the armor. God is the author of truth and when we wrap His Word around us we will not be deceived.



Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

The shoes are fit for marching and fighting. The gospel of peace is the good news that Jesus died on the cross, was buried and rose again. The gospel is the only way we can be reconciled to God. Our mission is to take this gospel to the ends of the Earth.



Helmet of Salvation

The helmet protects the head. Salvation is the free gift God offers to anyone who surrenders to Jesus as Lord and Savior.



Breastplate of Righteousness

The breastplate protects the vital organs. Those surrendered to Christ have been covered with His righteousness.



Sword of the Spirit

The sword is the offensive part of the armor. This will help us conquer the lies of our Enemy and it must be sharpened with consistent focus on God's Word.



Shield of Faith

The shield defends and when linked with others it allows advancement together. It is only by grace through faith we have been saved.

"If you will tell me when God permits a Christian to lay aside his armour, I will tell you when Satan has left off temptation. Like the old knights in war time, we must sleep with helmet and breastplate buckled on, for the arch-deceiver will seize our first unguarded hour to make us his prey. The Lord keep us watchful in all seasons, and give us a final escape from the jaw of the lion and the paw of the bear."

– Charles Spurgeon

FAITHFUL AND TRUE

A song from New Life Worship

Verse 1

We have this confidence in Jesus
His blood has brought us into freedom
There is no other that can save us
'Cause we know yes we know it's Jesus

Chorus 1

And He is always with us faithful and true
In our weakness He is bringing us through
A highway through the valley
A promise through the pain
He is always with us faithful and true

Verse 2

For ev'ry lie that speaks against us
His blood declares we are forgiven
There's only one who never fails us
'Cause we know yes we know it's Jesus
'Cause we know yes we know it's Jesus

Bridge

What could come against the love of Jesus
Who would dare stand in His way
There is no power that can hold back Jesus
He's here to save
He's here to save
He's here to save
He's here to save

Chorus 2

And He is always with us faithful and true
In our weakness He is bringing us through
A highway through the valley
A promise through the pain
He is always with us faithful and true
And He is always with us faithful and true

OUR BATTLE CRY

Psalm 27

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
- ⁸ You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- ⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
- ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.
- ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness
of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

"Satan is always aiming to destroy our faith; but Christ magnifies His power in weakness."

– John Piper

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Visit the connect center or text **GROUPS** to 441122

Learn more: coe22.com/disciplegroups

NEXT STEPS: BAPTISM



Baptism is not merely a responsibility, but also a privilege. We have the opportunity to demonstrate our trust in and love for our King through obedience in this ordinance.

Throughout the year, we have regularly scheduled baptism opportunities in which the church celebrates baptisms together. Prior to baptism, we ask those wishing to be baptized to participate in a baptism class in which we explain the gospel, core Christian beliefs, and our theology of baptism.

Baptism classes will be available starting July 18 after every service.

Learn more: coe22.com/baptism

COMING SOON

RUN OVER BY THE GRACE TRAIN

Available September 10



Encountering the incomparable, immeasurable grace of Jesus is like getting run over by a freight train: you're powerless against it, it takes you where it wants to, you can't do anything to stop it and it dramatically changes everything. The grace train is the most powerful thing in the universe and also the most beautiful.

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be lost, grace does not condemn and the sinner and the saint both need God's powerful grace in equal measures.

Learn more at jobymartin.com

WILDLIGHT CAMPUS

Coming October 2024

We are excited to continue and



make room for one more as we launch our Wildlight campus. We anticipate the launch of our portable campus in October of this year while we continue construction on the permanent location.

To connect with us and be the first to know what's next, text **WILDLIGHT** to 441122

Saturated

2024

COMING SEPTEMBER 11-15

Saturated is our annual five-day event in which we anticipate the movement of God to bring revival in our lives individually and as a church body.

GUEST PREACHERS



Wed, Sept. 11
Pastor
Jim Burgen

Thurs, Sept. 12
Pastor
Matt Chandler

Fri, Sept. 13
Pastor
Derwin Grey

Sat, Sept. 14
Pastor
Ben Stuart

Sun, Sept. 15
Pastor
Joby Martin

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

Fasting is a way to say "no" to our flesh and "yes" to more time with Jesus.

Starting Tuesday, August 21, we'll be fasting weekly for 24 hours from sun-down on Tuesdays until sun-down on Wednesdays.

WEEKLY HOUR OF PRAYER

Aug. 21, Aug. 28, Sept. 4, Sept. 11

Every Wednesday leading up to Saturated, our campuses will be open from 7-8am and 12-1pm to create space for you to draw near to the Lord.

ELDER-LED PRAYER

August 20 at 6:30pm

Saturated season kicks off with Elder-Led Prayer, a night of worship and Word led by our elders.

This is an intimate event for our church family to come together, hear from our elders and prepare for Saturated 2024.

SATURATED DEVOTIONAL BY GRETCHEN MARTIN

Starting August 21, we're diving into a 21-day devotional written by Gretchen Martin where she takes us through where we see revival in the Bible, what it means to fast and pray and how we can prepare our hearts this Saturated season.

For all event times and locations, scan the QR code or visit coe22.com/saturated

