

Band of Brothers –
A Call to Arms
(Ephesians 6:10-17)

I. Exhortation, 10-11

Be strong (10)

Ep.3:16, 20; Josh.1:6-9

In the Lord

“Find your strength in the Lord”

Judah

Isa.30

David

1 Sm.17

In strength of His might

His mighty strength. 1:19

Put on whole armor of God (11)

Pan-oply

Paul, in Rome, chained to soldiers (v.20)

That you may be able to stand

“Against” (11-12)

Stand against

¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places – Ep.6

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II. Enemy, 11-13

Stand against wiles of devil (11)

Scheming, craftiness, 4:14

We wrestle (12)

Military context: hand-to-hand combat

Not against flesh and blood

Against rulers... 1:21; 2:2

HELP!!

Therefore take up . . . (13)

I'm taking up judo

I'm taking up skydiving

I'm taking up arms

Be able to withstand (resist) 11-14

Evil day (5:16)

Withstand in evil day

Summary: 11, 13, the enemy is surrounded

11: BEFORE: ¹put on armor; ² all armor;
³able to stand.

12: DURING: as bad as it gets: enemy,
intent, power

13: AFTER: ¹able to stand; ²evil day; ³stand
(keep on)

I. Exhortation, 10-11

II. Enemy, 11-13

III. Equipment, 14-17

1. *Belt of truth*, (14)

Isa.11:5

Belt: held breastplate in place; held scabbard for sword.

Truth (doctrine): everything hangs on it:
gospel. 1:13; 4:14-15, 20-21, 25

Everything 'hangs' on doctrine

Jn.8:32

2. *Breastplate of righteousness* (14)

Is.59:17

Breastplate: the heart protector

Righteousness: 4:24; 5:9. (Ro.4:6-8)

⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: ⁷ 'Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; ⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin' – Romans 4

3. *Shoes fitted with gospel of peace* (15)

Shod feet: Roman half-boot: thickly studded with sharp nails for sure footing, swift movement.

Preparation: readiness, *equipment*.

Peace: (in battle: paradox): 2:14, 15, 17

4. *Shield of faith* (16)

Gn.15:1

Shield: door, 2' x 4'

1. Extinguish.

2. Flaming arrows of evil one.

3. Faith stops arrows, extinguishes...

→ Hb.11

→ Mt.4

5. *Helmet of salvation* (17)

1 Thes.5:8, *hope* of salvation

Is.59:17

Take: receive, grasp, welcome...

Salvation: 1:13, 'the gospel of your salvation'

Rome relaxed discipline...

6. *Sword of Spirit* (17)

Hb.4:12

Sword: (6-18")

Word of God: a particular portion of Scripture. Mt.4:4. Satan...

- **Mixes truth with error.** Mt.4
- **Obey gospel, but not today.** Ac.24
- **End justifies means.** Ro.3:8.
- **'Sin' and be happy.** Ro.6:1-2.