



Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can **take your stand against** the devil's schemes.  
- Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)

I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.  
- Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

We don't FIGHT FOR victory, we FIGHT FROM it

Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.  
- Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)

Two concepts you need to know:

Your BATTLE is on the way

You have ALL YOU NEED to STAND

You need to prepare BEFORE the battle COMES

because it's TOO LATE to prepare WHEN IT COMES

How to prepare for battle

Get DRESSED up

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.  
- Ephesians 6:14-15 (NIV)

Truth gives me RESILIENCE

Righteousness gives me REACH

The gospel gives me REASON

Get GEARED up

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.  
- Ephesians 6:16-17 (NIV)

Get PRAYED up

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,  
- Ephesians 6:18-19 (NIV)