

V. TRIALS (Week Five)

Earthly Soldier

-There is a continuing build of testing of strength, endurance, and ability in marksmanship and combat.

Kingdom Soldier

James 1:2-4 AMP – (2) Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. (3) Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. (4) But let endurance and steadfastness do a thorough work, so that you may be people perfectly and fully developed, lacking nothing.

-We cannot wait until we are on the front lines to see what we are made of – it needs to be tested now.

VI. COMARADERIE (Week Six)

Earthly Soldier

-Each recruit is only as strong as his platoon. The platoon is only as strong as it's weakest link. During this time bonds are tested through trust exercises.

Kingdom Soldier

Ephesians 4:3 AMP – Be eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness of and produced by the Spirit in the binding power of peace.

Ephesians 4:3 MSG – Be alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

-When play together and when we work together on projects, when we share the responsibilities of the Kingdom, when we go through trials together and even when we experience conflict with one another – God desires to use all of these things to build camaraderie and trust.

-You cannot fight a war with independence running through the ranks – it will get soldiers killed!

VII. CONFIDENCE (Week Seven)

Earthly Soldier

-The tests are increasing as the recruits go into live fire exercises; field survival techniques, greater foot marches and obstacle courses.

-All of these are to develop confidence in the soldiers preparing them for times on the frontlines.

Kingdom Soldier

Proverbs 28:1 AMP – The righteous are bold as a lion.

Isaiah 32:17 ASV – And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence for ever.

BATTLE READINESS

Part 2 – Boot Camp

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I. FALL IN (Week One)

Earthly Soldier

-Once an individual decides to join the military world, he/she must put behind them their civilian ways and the ways of their past. They receive their "ID" card.

-They will begin to learn the core values of the military and the new order.

-They will no longer live for themselves but will live for the greater good of the country they serve.

Kingdom Soldier

Clothed in Righteousness – Zechariah 3:3-5; Philippians 3:9

Clothed in Salvation – Isaiah 61:10

Clothed in Humility - 1 Peter 5:5

Clothed in the Armor of God – Ephesians 6:11

New Identity - 2 Corinthians 5:17

New Way of Life - 2 Corinthians 5:15; 2 Timothy 2:4

II. DIRECTION (Week Two)

Earthly Soldier

-Recruits receive teaching in the basic understanding of the military life; its history, perspectives, and core values.

-Physical and mental endurance are tested as they begin to learn the basics of warfare.

-Recruits begin to understand their place in the bigger picture of the forces. They begin training in map reading.

Kingdom Soldier

-We begin to learn the values and principles of the Kingdom through the Word of God and through the Holy Spirit, setting a strong foundation for future advancement.

-We begin to understand that we have been brought into the Kingdom for such a time as this and begin to understand our destiny not just in terms of the individual but corporately – we are a part of the larger picture.

-We learn to read our spiritual maps – the Word of God and hear the direction of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

III. ENDURANCE (Week Three)

Earthly Soldier

-During this week the physical and mental challenges build as the recruits start simulated combat drills. Their motto: Mind over matter.

Kingdom Soldier

2 Timothy 2:3 AMP – Take with me your share of the hardships and suffering which you are called to endure as a good first class soldier of Christ Jesus.

-Kingdom motto: Spirit over flesh.

Galatians 5:24-25 AMP – (24) And those who belong to Christ Jesus the Messiah have crucified the flesh, the godless human nature, with its passions and appetites and desires. (25) If we live by the Holy Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.

1 Peter 1:13 ESV – Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded...

-Mind and attitude have everything to do with how well we perform in the midst of a fight.

IV. MARKSMANSHIP (Week Four)

Earthly Soldier

-Recruits are issued weapons and taught how to shoot, the proper way to hold the weapons, how to breath and stand; how to maintain, clean, and prepare their weapons.

Kingdom Soldier

Psalms 144:1 AMP – Blessed be the Lord, my Rock and my keen and firm Strength, Who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight.

Psalms 18:34 AMP – He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

Ephesians 6:11, 14-17

Belt of Truth

-Most important piece that the roman soldier wore because it held everything else in place.

-We must have the belt of truth holding us together and we must know how to use the written Word of God.

Breastplate of Righteousness

-When the rays of the sun would reflect off the breastplate it would be dazzling.

-As you walk in righteousness, each step will cause you to become more and more gorgeous to God's eye and more and more dangerously blinding to the eye of the enemy.

Shoes of Peace

-A Roman Soldier wore their shoes very tightly ensuring a firm footing and standing.

-We must have peace fastened securely in our lives if we are going to stand strong and firm and unwavering.

Philippians 4:7 AMP – And God's peace shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

-“Garrison” is a picture of a band of roman soldiers who are standing watch over something that needs protection.

Romans 16:20 AMP – And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

-“Crush” is a picture of the act of smashing and utterly crushing grapes into wine.

Shield of Faith

-The Romans soldier's battle shield was large in width and long in length. -The shield was extremely tough and durable made out of layers of leather treated and woven in a special way that made them as hard as steel.

-The soldier had to oil his shield everyday or it would become dry and brittle.

-The job of a soldier is to be prepared for battle – all his weapons cared for, inspected and ready for use – so that he will be ready when the call for battle goes out.

-Our faith is to rest upon the word (belt of truth) – they are inseparable.

-Our faith is to be tough and durable.

-Daily we must receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Helmet of Salvation

-This piece of armor was so strong that nothing could penetrate it, not even a battle ax or hammer.

-We are to wear salvation tightly around our minds to protect from the many attacks of the enemy. The greatest battlefield is our mind

2 Timothy 1:7 AMP – For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear, but He has given us a spirit of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

Sword of the Spirit

-The sword described in this verse was a brutal weapon of murder. It was about 19 inches long and razor sharp on both sides. The tip was turned upward slightly.

-God has given us the “rhema” word as a powerful weapon.

-A “rhema” is a specific word which the Holy Spirit quickens in our heart and mind (from the written word or by dropping something in our spirit) at a specific time and for a special purpose.