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Stand firm (word used four times in three verses)  
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Spiritual armor enables you to stand, to be strong.

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Belt of Truth—Truth holds the entire armor in place  
Breastplate of Righteousness— Christ in your heart  
Shoes of the Gospel of Peace—Mobilizing the gospel



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Draw your attention to what you do not have  
When you fail, keep you hiding and isolated.
3. Spiritual armor protects you, if you put it on.
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**The Challenge for Today:**

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