



The Story You're Wearing

The armor of God is the character of God and the character of God is what heals the human heart.

Ephesians 6:13-17(NIV): "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. 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. 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."

Isaiah 59:17(NIV): "He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head."

Isaiah 59:1(NIV): "Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear."

Where is God?
Is God listening?
Is God's arm too short to save?

Isaiah says the world is falling apart because truth, justice, and righteousness have collapsed.

Isaiah 59:14(NIV): "So, justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance.....truth has stumbled in the streets."

God's armor is God's character.
God's character is the clothing of our true humanity.
And when we put it on, we are not becoming less ourselves.
We are reclaiming who God created us to be.

Truth

Truth is meant to hold us together.
Truth in love is fusion. Truth without love becomes fission.

Righteousness

Righteousness means making things right.
Not looking right. Not proving I'm right. Making it right.

Peace

Peace is not fear dressed up as urgency.
Peace creates safety where healing can begin.

Faith

Faith is trusting God's way when my way feels faster and better.
The most dangerous lie is the one that feels right.

Salvation

Salvation guards the story in my head.
I am not my wound. I am not my failure. I am who God says I am.

The Word of God

The Word of God cuts through lies so truth can heal.
Curiosity keeps my heart open to what God is actually saying.

"I can say with certainty that this man saved my life. He made life worth living. But most importantly, he empowered me to find and reclaim myself again." Lady Gaga

Put on the character of God.

Put on truth that brings together.
Put on righteousness that repairs.
Put on peace that creates safety.
Put on faith that trusts God's way.
Put on salvation that reminds you who God says you are.
Put on the Word that helps you practice what is true.

All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.