

Ephesians 6:10-14; Zechariah 3:1-7



**IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**



WHERE WERE  
YOU WHEN...?













## Definition Merriam-Webster

‘Acting in accord with divine or moral law, being free from guilt or sin, and being morally right or justifiable, as in a righteous decision.’




# The Armor of God

## The Breastplate of Righteousness

Righteousness, is all about moral integrity which comes as a result of knowing Jesus and walking it out in integrity and holiness.



A man with dark hair, wearing a green robe, is being washed by two figures in white robes. The figure on the left is holding a white cloth and washing the man's shoulder. The figure on the right is also holding a white cloth and appears to be washing the man's arm. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with hills and a body of water under a blue sky.

*Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes."*

*Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."*





**Sitting in  
SELF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS**



All of us have become like one who is  
unclean, and all our righteous acts are  
like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a  
leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep  
us away.

Isaiah 64:6 (NIV)



For I tell you that unless your  
righteousness surpasses that of the  
Pharisees and the teachers of the law,  
you will certainly not enter the  
kingdom of heaven. Matthew  
5:20 (NIV)



Am I living the kind of life that enables me to engage in this battle. Have I put on the breastplate of righteousness?



Standing firm means living in integrity,  
wholeness, and holiness, not just  
**knowing** what's right, but **walking in**  
**it daily.**



For all have sinned and fall short of the  
glory of God.

Romans 3:23 (NIV)





**Standing in  
Positional  
(imputed)  
righteousness**



God made him who had no sin to be sin  
for us, so that in him we might become  
the righteousness of God. 2  
Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)



But now a righteousness from God,  
apart from law, has been made known,  
to which the Law and the Prophets  
testify. This righteousness from God  
comes through faith in Jesus Christ to  
all who believe... Romans 3:21, 22 (NIV)



David Jeremiah,


“It is by appropriating the righteousness of Jesus, His moral perfection and sinless life of obedience to the Father, and living righteously that we are able to overcome the evil that is within us and the evil that is around us.”



My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

1 John 2:1 NLT



A knight in dark, detailed armor stands with their back to the viewer, holding a sword that is engulfed in flames. The knight is positioned on the left side of the frame. The background is a dramatic scene of intense fire and thick, billowing smoke, creating a sense of a battlefield or a divine trial. The lighting is warm and fiery, with the sun or fire source behind the knight, casting a glow on the smoke.

**Walking in  
PRACTICAL  
righteousness**



'If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.

Zechariah 3:7



Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Philippians 2:12, 13 (NIV)



When we fail to put on the breastplate of righteousness we lose our...


**JOY**  
**John 15:11**

**FRUITFULNESS**  
**John 15:5**

**REWARD**  
**Matthew 25:14-30**

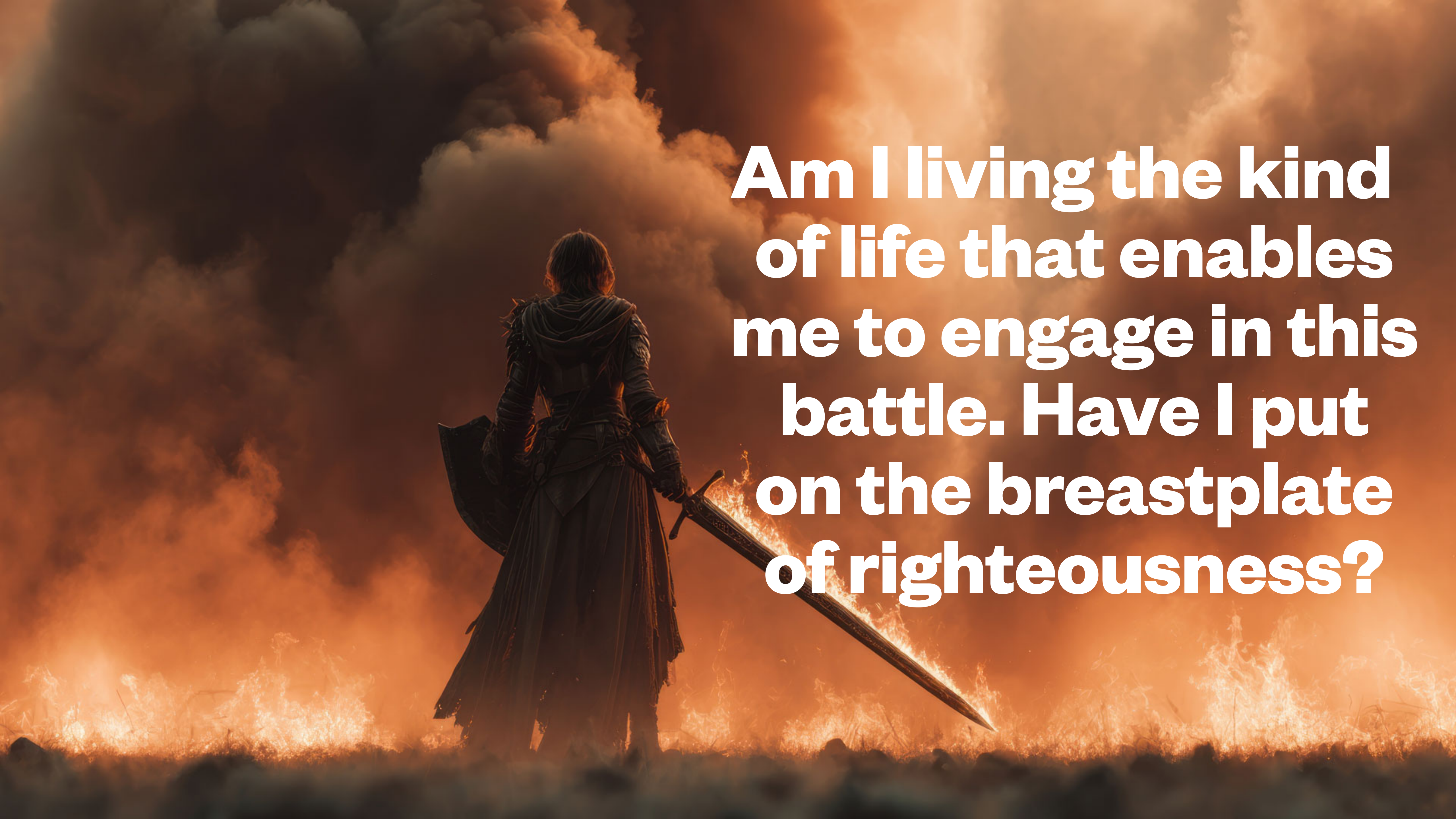
**TESTIMONY**  
**Matthew 5:16**



A knight in dark armor stands with their back to the camera, holding a sword that is engulfed in flames. The knight is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame. The background is a dramatic scene of fire and smoke, with bright orange flames at the bottom and thick, billowing smoke in shades of orange and black filling the upper half. The overall atmosphere is one of intense heat and conflict.

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A knight in dark, detailed armor stands with their back to the viewer, facing a massive, intense fire that fills the lower half of the frame. The knight holds a sword in their right hand, the blade of which is partially engulfed in flames. The background is a dramatic sky filled with thick, billowing smoke and fire, creating a sense of a fierce battle or a divine trial. The overall color palette is dominated by oranges, yellows, and dark greys, emphasizing the heat and intensity of the scene.

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