

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

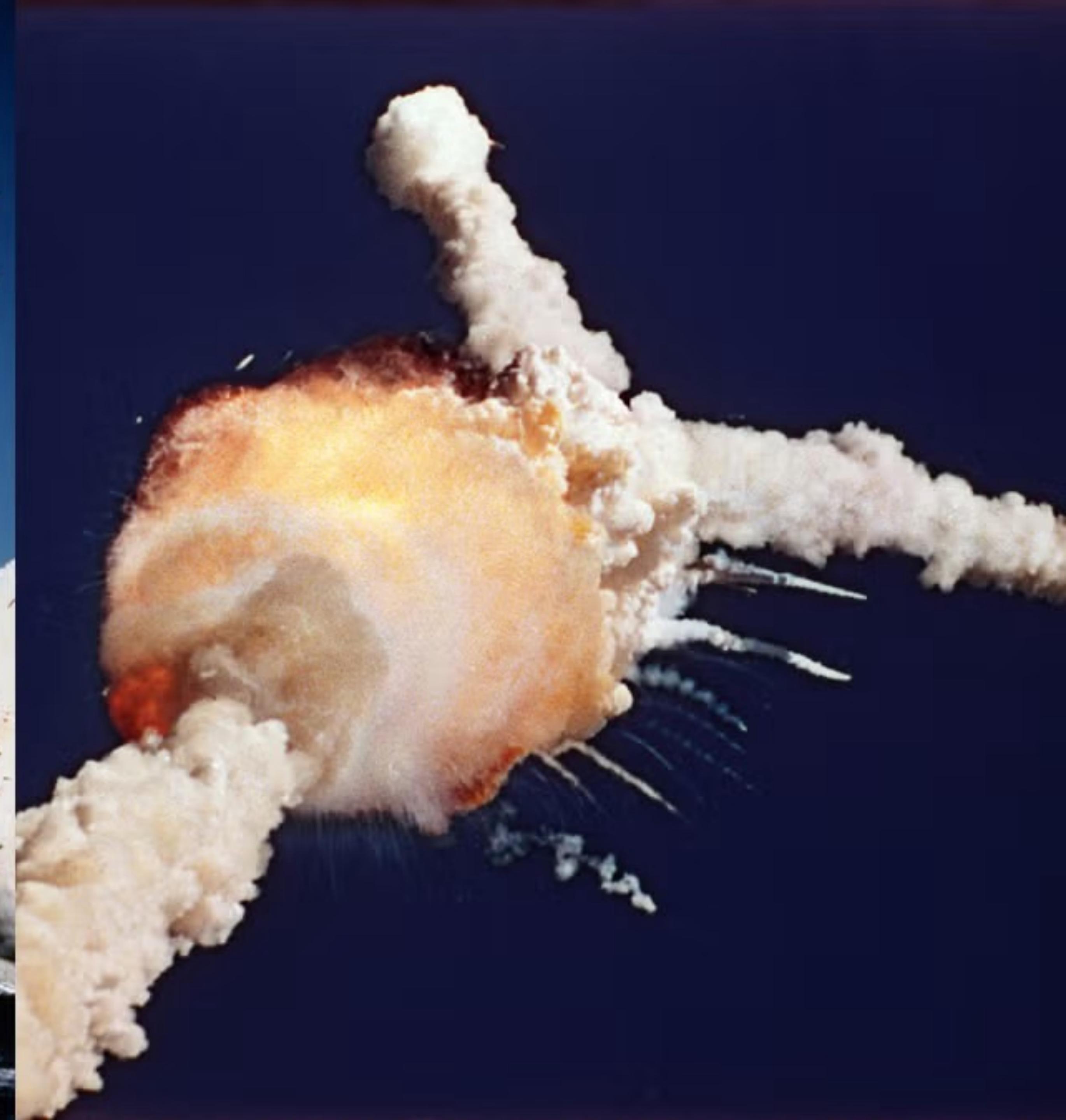
STAND
IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS

A knight in dark armor stands in a field of fire, silhouetted against a bright orange sky. He holds a long, flaming sword. The word "STAND" is written in large, jagged, orange letters behind him, and "IN RIGHTEOUSNESS" is written in white letters at the bottom.

WHERE WERE
YOU WHEN...?







Definition Mirriam-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 a shaved head and a beard is standing in a desert. He is wearing a white robe with a red sash. In the background, there is a city with many buildings. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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.”

A dark, dramatic scene with a figure in a long coat and a sword in a field of fire. The figure is seen from behind, looking out over a landscape of fire and smoke. The text 'Sitting in SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS' is overlaid on the image.

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



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

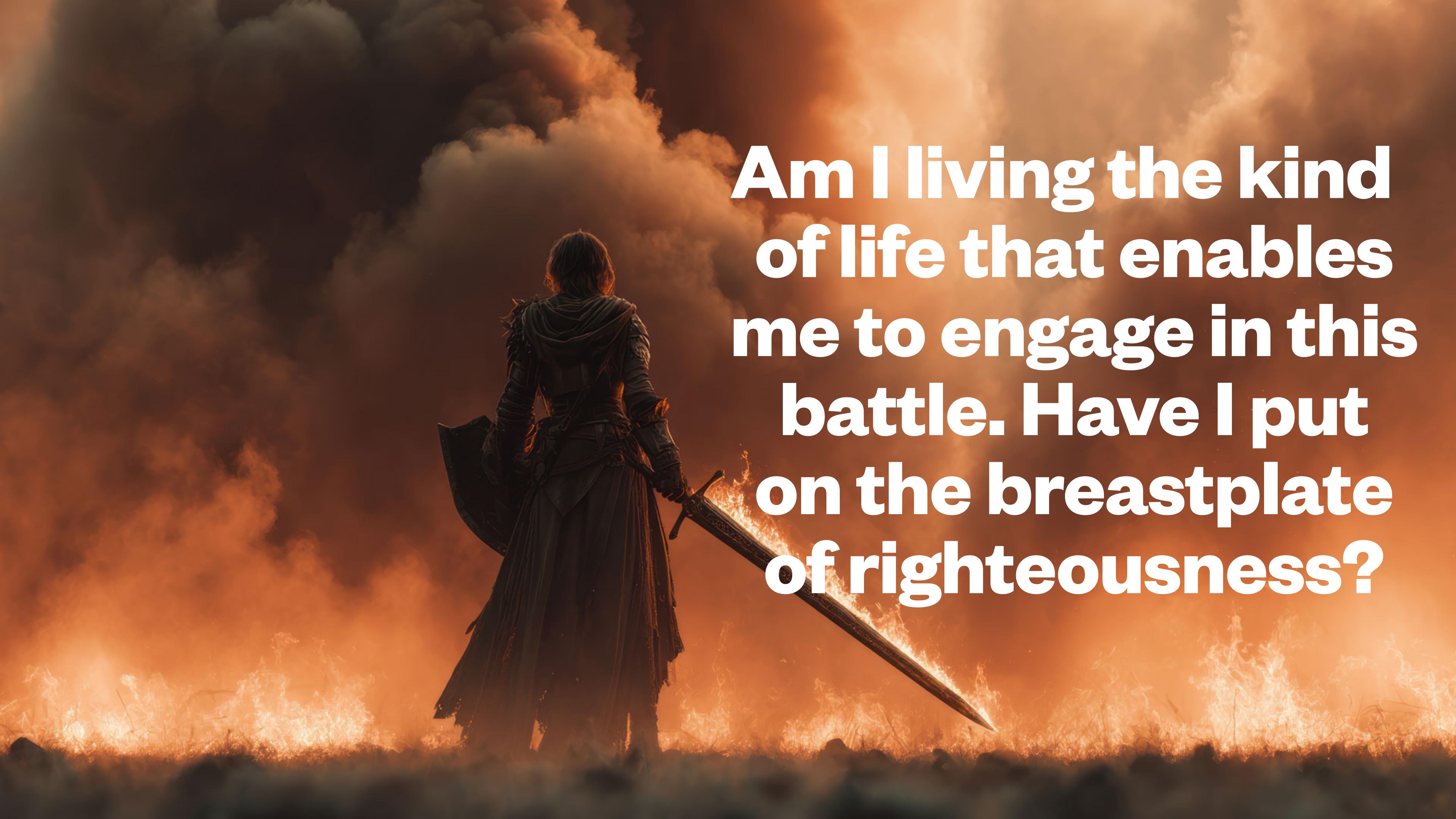
FRUITFULNESS
John 15:5

REWARD
Matthew 25:14-30

TESTIMONY
Matthew 5:16



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