

Edward Christian Church

**Spiritual
Warfare
Pt 21**

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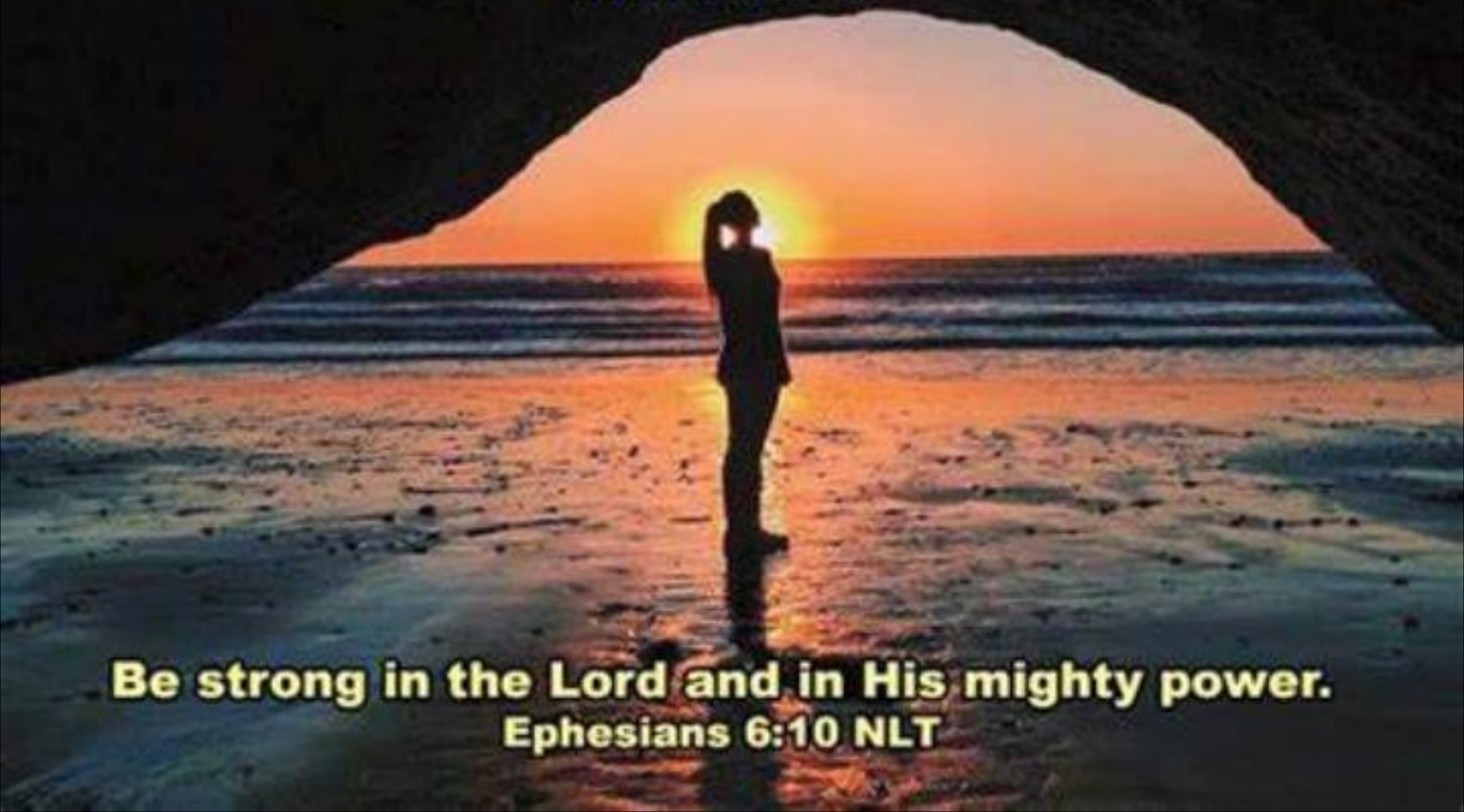
Reach Up!!! p1

Ephesians 6

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

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Ephesians 6:10 NLT

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Warning

- **Be (*now-constant*)**
- **Strong (*infused w- inner ability*)**
 - **In the Lord (*found one place*)**
- **Power (*overwhelming – irresistible*)**
 - **Might (*strong arm*)**

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I WILL BUILD

The Devil Knows ...

MY CHURCH

The Devil Knows ...

He Cannot:

Stop the Building of God's Church
And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. -Matthew 16:18

He Can Try:

Stop the Movement of God's Church!!

Impenetrable Armor of God

For the weapons
of our
warfare
are
not carnal,
but mighty
in God
for
pulling
down
strong-
holds.

2 Corinth-
ians 10:4



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Realize That We Are Equipped to Win
“Put on the Whole Armour of God”

Paul Is Not...

- ⌘ Making a suggestion
- ⌘ But strongest kind of command
- ⌘ Take immediate action.

“Put on the whole armor that comes from God....”

Corinth-
ians 10:4

A black and white illustration of a hand holding a sword hilt, with a mechanical gauntlet on the other hand. The background is dark and textured.

BLESSED BE THE LORD
MY STRENGTH

WHO TEACHES
MY HANDS TO FIGHT

AND MY
FINGERS TO WAR

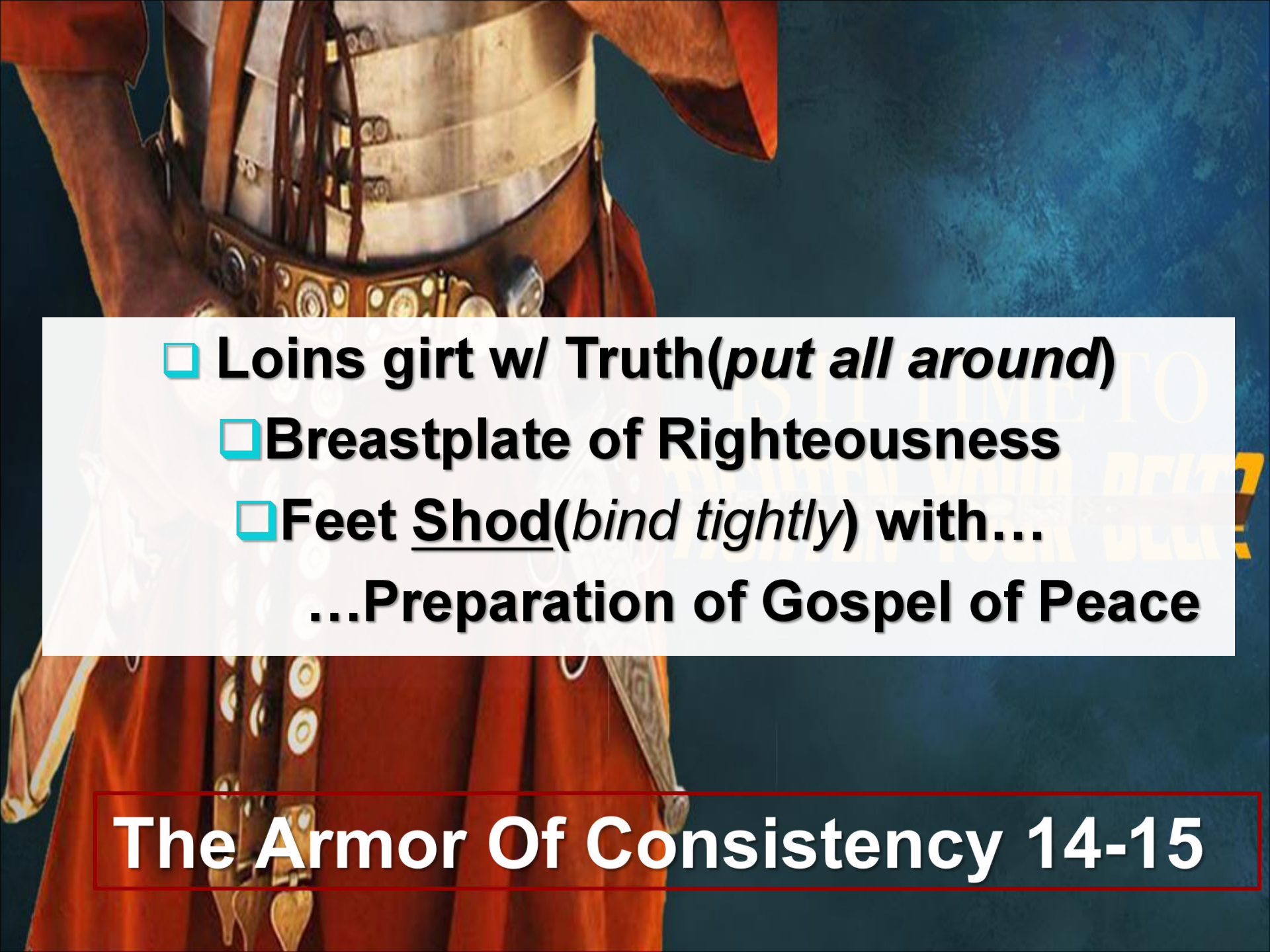
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Radical Protection

Three Specific Categories

**Each Category has It's Own Merit
in the Fight for Right.....**

AND MY
FINGERS TO WAR

- 
- ❑ Loins girt w/ Truth(*put all around*)
 - ❑ Breastplate of Righteousness
 - ❑ Feet Shod(*bind tightly*) with...
...Preparation of Gospel of Peace

The Armor Of Consistency 14-15

The Armor Of Confidence 16-17

**Shield of Faith
Helmet of Salvation**

above all, taking
**The Shield
Of Faith**

with which you will be able to quench all
the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Ephesians 6:16

PRAY ON IT,
PRAY OVER IT,
BUT MOST OF ALL,
PRAY THROUGH IT!

Armor Of Communication (17-19)

Sword of the Spirit

Praying Always(*whole + period*)

1 Thess. 5:17, "*Pray w/ out ceasing....*"

Why does the Devil want us Stop Praying?

PRAY THROUGH IT!

ONE GOOD REASON

Prayer is Way We Commune w/ God

- **P- Powerful**

- **R- Responsive**

- **A- Armor**

- **Y- Yield**

- **Prayer is a Powerful Force**

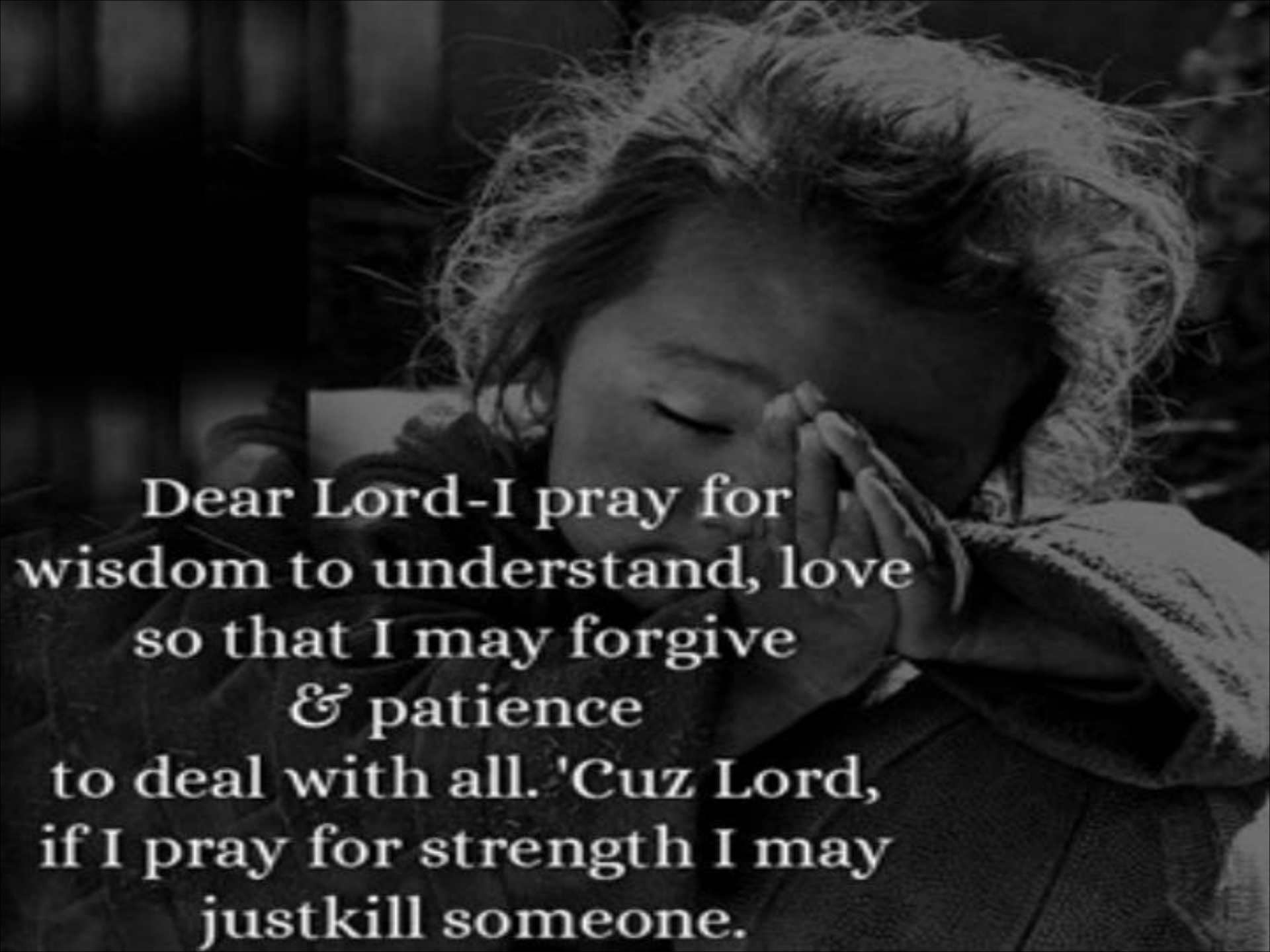
- **It is Life-Changing**

**THE PRAYER OF
A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS
GREAT
POWER
AS IT
IS WORKING**

James
5:16

5 Reasons Prayer Is Difficult

- ⌘ External pressures are allowed to outweigh internal values**
- ⌘ The supernatural realm includes a battle
 - ⌘ Our faith is tested at some level****
- ⌘ When we forget past answers while we focus on future unknowns**
- ⌘ Technology has made it difficult to be quiet and still**



Dear Lord-I pray for
wisdom to understand, love
so that I may forgive
& patience
to deal with all. 'Cuz Lord,
if I pray for strength I may
just kill someone.

■ Prayer is a Most Powerful Force

■ Available to All

✪ Yet, many times prayer is underutilized.

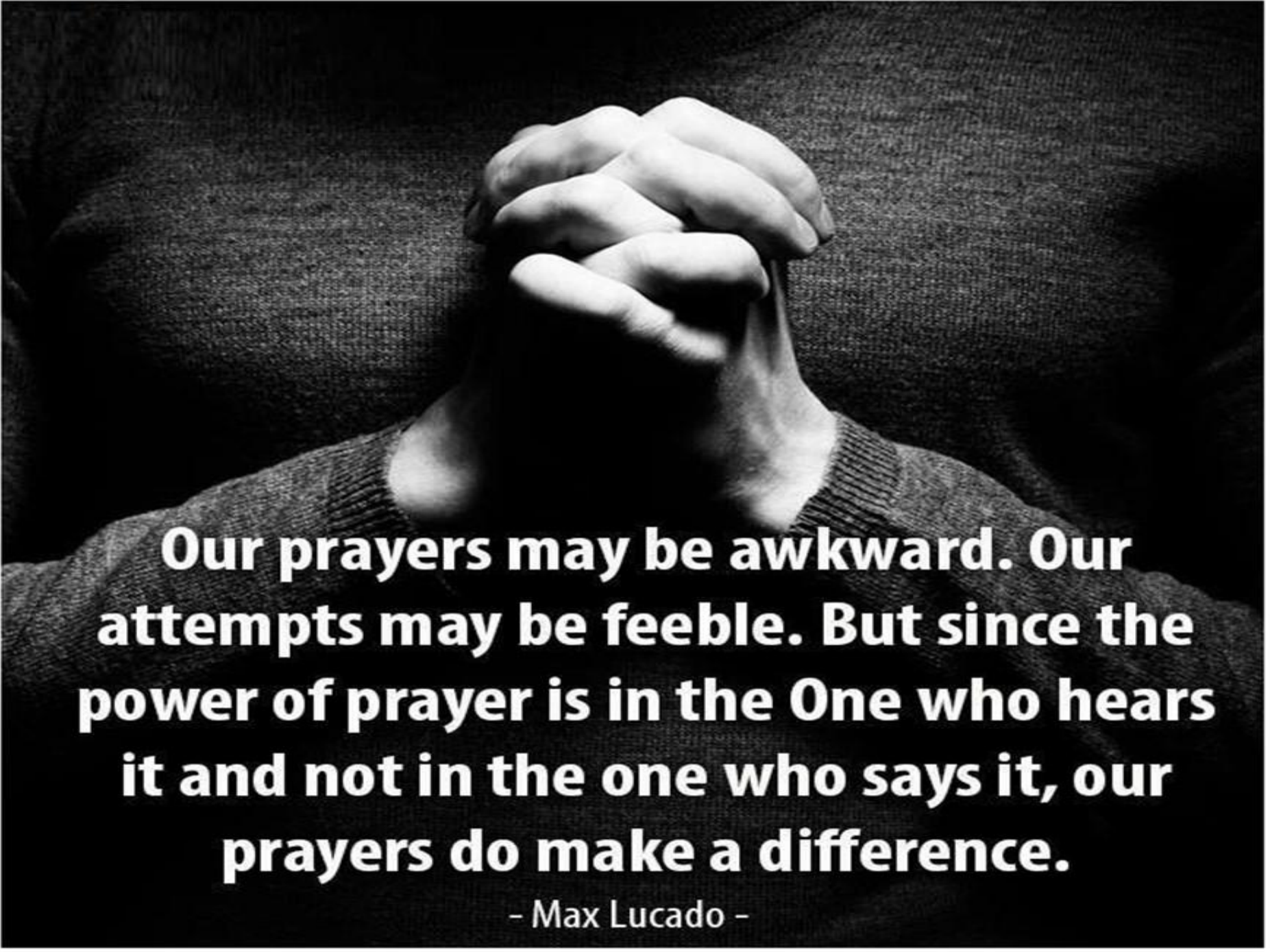
✪ Why?

✪ Prayer requires energy, focus, discipline, time.

✪ If it was easy, more people would pray, more consistently and perhaps even longer.

✪ Prayer is work, but it also brings joy.

✪ Communion w- the Creator through prayer is extraordinary



Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado -

❧ One day, Hercules, Snow White and Quazzimodo (The Hunchback of Notre Dame) were standing around talking. Hercules spoke up and said, "I bet I am the strongest man in the world."

❧ Snow White then looked around and said, "Well I bet that I am the most beautiful person in the world."

❧ Then Quazzimodo looks around and quietly said, "I suppose that I am the ugliest man in the world."

❧ An old man who had been listening in on there conversation said, "There is a oracle on top of that hill up there, why don't you each go in there and ask her yourselves?"

❧ The three friends agreed and they hiked to the top of the hill. Hercules went in first and came out a few minutes later and said, "I was right, I am the strongest man in the world."

❧ Snow White went in next. She came out a few minutes later and said, "I was also right, I am the most beautiful person in the world."

❧ Finally it was Quazzimodo's turn. He went in and after a few minutes he came out scratching his head. He looks up at his friends and said: "Who is Frank Richards?"