

# “Forward! March! (A Good Soldier in God’s Army)”

Sunday, February 27, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI  
Pastor Jonathan DeCou  
2 Timothy 2:3-4 & Ephesians 6:10-20

**BIG IDEA:** A Good Soldier prepares for battle.

*“For this reason take up the full armor of God,  
so that you may be able to resist in the evil day,  
and having prepared everything, to take your stand.”  
Ephesians 6:13 (CSB)*

- ☞ **A Good Soldier SUFFERS WELL.**
- ☞ **A Good Soldier KNOWS which SIDE he’s ON.**
- ☞ **A Good Soldier SERVES with FOCUS.**
- ☞ **A Good Soldier PLEASES his COMMANDING OFFICER.**
- ☞ **A Good Soldier RECOGNIZES the ENEMY.**
- ☞ **A Good Soldier DRESSES for BATTLE.**
  - A Good Soldier wears the BELT of TRUTH.
  - A Good Soldier wears the BREASTPLATE of RIGHTEOUSNESS.
  - A Good Soldier wears the SHOES of GOSPEL PEACE.

- A Good Soldier brandishes the SHIELD of FAITH.
- A Good Soldier wears the HELMUT of SALVATION.
- A Good Soldier wields the SWORD of the SPIRIT.

☞ **A Good Soldier REALIZES VICTORY is SURE.**

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**READ:** 2 Timothy 2:3, 4 & Ephesians 6:10-20

**THINK:** Reflect on what it means to be a prepared soldier, then ask yourself these questions: *Why does Paul use the metaphor of a soldier engaged in war-time struggles to describe the Christian’s current spiritual environment? What things could distract a soldier from their duties? In what ways does our spiritual enemy operate in our lives? What does Paul mean by each of the six pieces of the Christian’s armor? What is the purpose of each? Where is Jesus Christ now and just how powerful is He? Where does prayer fit into our battle plan?*

**DO:** What is the condition of your spiritual armor today? What do you need to do to get ready for battle? What is at stake if you don’t?