



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Deficit vs Overflow

Romans 15:13 (NLT) I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. Don't let the crazy get TO you

- What is crazy?
 - There are people that give off crazy vibes
 - We are describing the conditions that make life feel overwhelming
- Life has a way of piling on the noise, the stress, and the battles until you feel like you're getting worn down

Daniel 7:25 (ESV) He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

II. CRAZY STRONG

A. You're in a battle but you're not unarmed

- Life brings crazy: Circumstances, people, spiritual opposition

Ephesians 6:13-14 (NLT)

Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil, because we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies

Put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil.

- If you don't understand your armor, you'll try to fight crazy in your own strength — and that will wear you out

B. The Shield of faith (Eph 6:16)

- This is the first line of defense

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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- Faith doesn't prevent the attack — it prevents the attack from wearing you out



In its simplest form, faith is the declaration that God's word is true regardless of what my senses are telling me.

C. The body armor of God's righteousness

- Righteousness = right standing with God

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

- Righteousness is your **legal standing** before God because of Jesus

Isaiah 32:17 (NIV) The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

- Righteousness is the armor that protects the place where faith is born

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

D. The shield and breastplate protect what matters most, your heart

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

- Crazy "out there" it's just noise, but if you let it IN, it will write your story

III. HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

A. What if God is mad at me?

Romans 10:3-4 (NLT) For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

Romans 8:31 (NLT) What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

Romans 8:33-39 (NLT) Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.