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For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.--2 Corinthians 10

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.--Galatians 5

The main war that we are in isn't a matter so much of guns and tank. It's more like Alex Jones' says, "A battle for your mind." The enemy may be throwing various temptations at you, but you can nip those in the bud by controlling your thought life. You see a hunky guy walking down the road, and instead of indulging in imaginations, take captive those thoughts before they can turn into actions. Crucify those desires of the flesh, that go against the word of God.

Day 18 Prayer

Father, please help me to gird up my loins with the truth. Help me to be ready for whatever orders you have for me, because I am staying in the truth. To stay in the truth, I have to know what is true, so please protect me against being deceived this day. Show me what deceptions I have fallen for, and help me replace them with your truth.

Lord, help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. It is your righteousness that leads us to salvation. But it is my unrighteous actions that will leave me vulnerable to

the enemy. Father, forgive me if I have sinned. Help me to crucify the flesh today and take captive every thought that is not in agreement with You.

Father help me get my feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Use me today, please, to be a light in the world, to share my testimony, to bring hope to a dying world.

Lord, please help me to take up the shield of faith. With faith, I believe you, I believe your word, and I act on your word. Help me to accomplish the purposes you have for me today.

Father help me to put on the helmet of salvation. I want to belong to you. You said those who are yours crucify the flesh. I ask you to help me crucify my fleshly desires today, just as Christ was crucified on the cross.

Lord, please help me wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. In this spiritual battle for my mind, I need your word and your Spirit to guide me. I am poor, blind and helpless without your help. Thank you for your Spirit and your word.