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I Got It!

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his might power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:10-12)

What do ballplayers yell out to each other as they're looking skyward, tracking a fly ball, so that nobody collides with each other? “I got it!” More on that later....

Make no mistake about it, we are at war. The battle rages around us in the unseen world. The enemy is crafty and deceitful. In 1 Peter 5:8, we are admonished to stay alert because our adversary is stocking, looking for someone to devour. Put on the armor described in Ephesians 6:13-17. Stand your ground, and stay alert.

You wouldn’t have your players step into the batter’s box and face a pitcher without a bat. In the same way we shouldn’t expect to go to battle against satin without the weapons God has provided us: His word and prayer.

Spiritual warfare must be fought with these spiritual weapons. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit. His word is to be used skillfully and effectively. Read, study, and memorize the Bible. And don’t forget the weapon of prayer. Bend the knee and unleash the power of God through prayer. Satan is stopped and repelled when God’s people pray.

Finally, who’s got your back? The armor of God covers the front, but who has my back? “I got it!” Me an all fellow believers. The same way you and all other believers have my back. Together we are a team, holding each other accountable, encouraging each other and fellowshiping together. All in the name of Jesus.

Live it! Coach it! ...and remember to call out – “I got it!”

Question(s): Are you experiencing spiritual affliction? Get in the Word, pray and stand your ground.

Challenge: Read Ephesians 6, 1 Peter 5:8. Consider how you can stay alert!

Prayer: Lord, thank you for me teammates in Christ and for the weapons you have given to fight the spiritual warfare. “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” Amen.

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