

Don't forget to stay connected during the week!

Would you like to serve and see what God can do IN you and THROUGH you? We would like to talk to you. Let us know through your connection card or in person with one of our leaders..

A big part of our church's DNA is going out to serve to those in need, so we want to invite you to link arms with us as we serve our community. Stay tune for our next community service events.

♣ Join us for our Christmas Service on Monday, December 22 at 6:30 PM at Iglesia Playas; a special night of worship and celebration with gift-giving for the children of our church during the service. →

Remember that the Wednesday WOW service and the Tuesday youth group will be on pause for the rest of the year.

Notice: On the last Sunday of the year, December 28, we will not have an in-person service. That day we will gather on our online platforms, through Facebook and YouTube. See you there!









MADE FOR VICTORY

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (ESV)

The enemy knows who you are. **DO YOU?**

The Agenda of the Enemy:

- He **DEVISES** plans against you.
- He wants you to DOUBT.
- He wants you to be DISTRACTED.
- He wants you to be <u>DISCOURAGED</u>.
- He wants you to **DEPEND** on yourself.

The Avenue to Victory:

PLACE all your faith in <u>JESUS</u>.

Everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (MSG)

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:14 (ESV)

The Avenue to Victory:

• PUT on the armor that comes from JESUS.

The Armor of God:

- Belt of TRUTH.
- Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- Shoes: The readiness of the gospel of **PEACE**.
- Shield of FAITH.
- Helmet of **SALVATION**.
- Sword of the Spirit: The WORD OF GOD.

The Avenue to Victory:

• **PRAY** every way you can in the name of **JESUS**.

God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

Ephesians 6:17-18 (MSG)

You are made for VICTORY IN JESUS.

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