

- 1. The Devil (Mt 4:1)**
- 2. The Liar-Murderer (Jn 8:44)**
- 3. The Adversary (1 Pet 5:8)**
- 4. The Accuser of the Brothers
(Rev 12:10)**
- 5. The Ruler of this World (Jn 14:30)**
- 6. The God of this Age (2 Cor 4:4)**
- 7. The Ruler of the Kingdom of the Air
(Eph 2:1-2)**



THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

PAUL

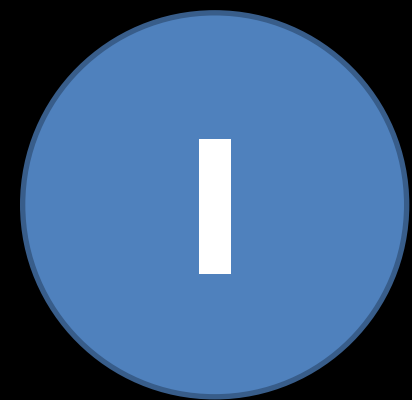
SOLDIERS

PETER

SOJOURNERS

An aerial, top-down view of a body of water in a state of intense turbulence. The water is a deep, vibrant blue, with numerous white, frothy foam patches scattered throughout, indicating a storm or a very rough sea. The perspective is from directly above, showing the chaotic patterns of the waves and the swirling currents. The overall mood is one of power and struggle.

**PERSEVERING
THROUGH THE STORM**



**PREPARE TO PERSEVERE
IN LIFE'S BATTLES**

Endure suffering along with me,
as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

2 Tim 2:3

**Therefore let anyone who thinks that
he stands take heed lest he fall.**

1 Cor 10:12

**Be sober-minded; be watchful.
Your adversary the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion, seeking
someone to devour.**

1 Pet 5:8

A

Devotion to Duty

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits.

2 Tim 2:4a

B

Motivation to Please Christ

his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

2 Tim 2:4b

¹⁰ Finally, **become strong in the Lord** and in the might of his strength. ¹¹ **Put on the full armor of God**, so that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil, ¹² because our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Because of this, **take up the full armor of God**, in order that you may be able to **resist** in the evil day, and having done everything, **to stand**.

Eph 6:10-18

¹⁴ **Stand therefore**, girding your waist with truth, and putting on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and binding shoes under your feet with the preparation of the good news of peace, ¹⁶ in everything taking up the shield of faith, with which you are able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one, ¹⁷ and **receive** the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ with all prayer and supplication praying at all times in the Spirit, and to this end being alert with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

Eph 6:10-18, LEB



**PREPARE TO PERSEVERE
IN LIFE'S JOURNEY**

A

Stay in the Vessel with Christ

**In peace I will both lie down and
sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make
me dwell in safety.**

Ps 4:8

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Tim 4:18

B

**Hold onto
the Anchor of Our Soul**

19 This hope we have as **an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast** and one which enters within the veil, **20** where **Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever** according to the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 6:19-20

**... fixing our eyes on Jesus Christ,
the author and perfecter of our faith**

Heb 12:2, NASB

Fear not, for **I am with you**; be not dismayed, for **I am your God**; I will **strengthen** you, I will **help** you, I will **uphold** you with my righteous right hand.

Isa 41:10

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Jn 10:27-29

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom 8:37-39

Pyrrhic Victory

a victory or success that comes at too great a cost; that brings such significant harm to the victor that it differs little from defeat.

**... I will build my church,
and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it.**

Mt 16:18

THE RESULT OF PERSEVERANCE

Emergence Better

25 ... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a **radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.**

Mt 16:18

THE RESULT OF PERSEVERANCE

Emergence Stronger

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; ¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, **keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may **rejoice with exultation.****

1 Pe 4:12-13, NASB

CHALLENGE

**1. Face Your Storm
Prepared**

**2. Fight Your Battles Through
Perseverance**