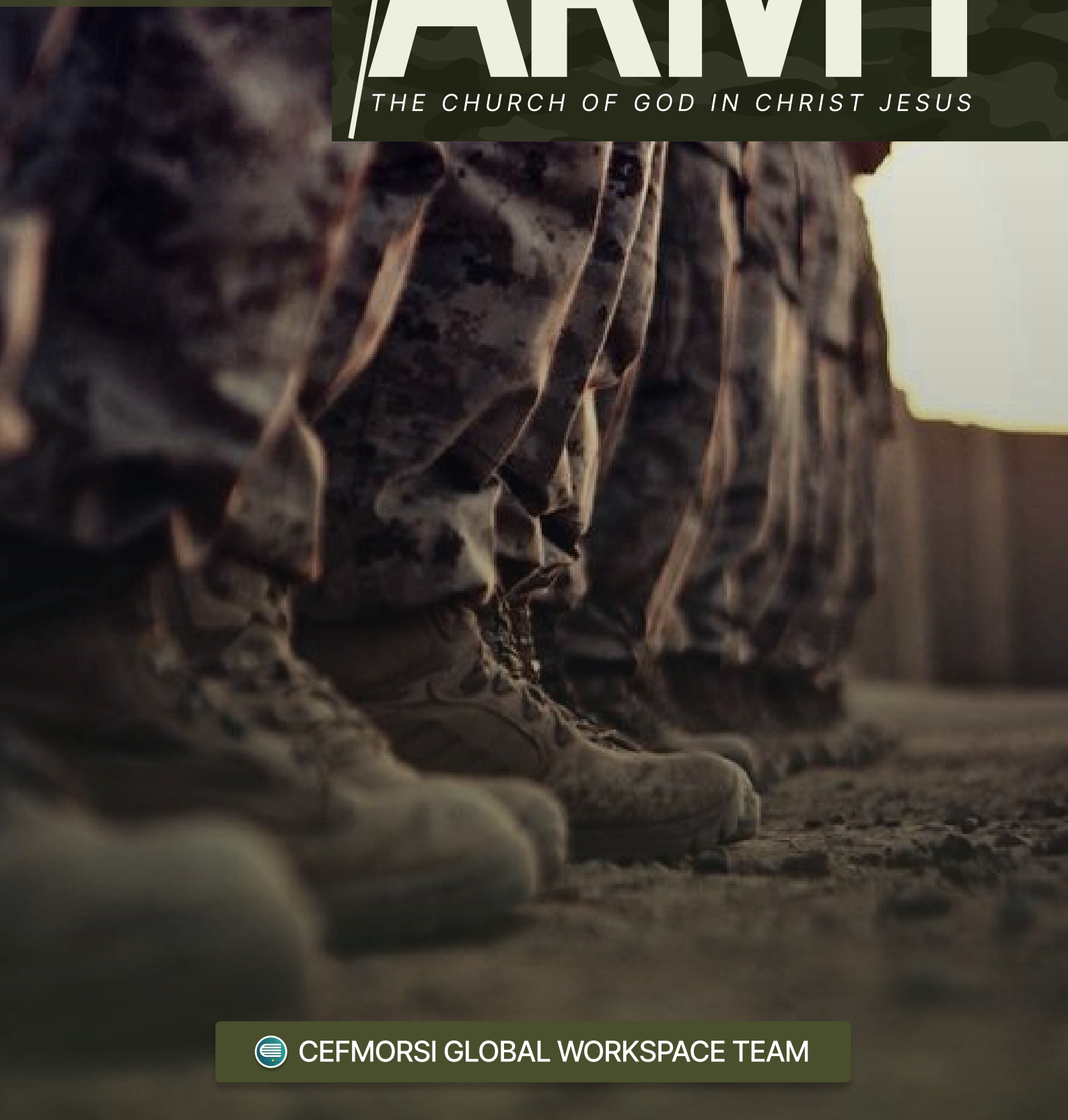
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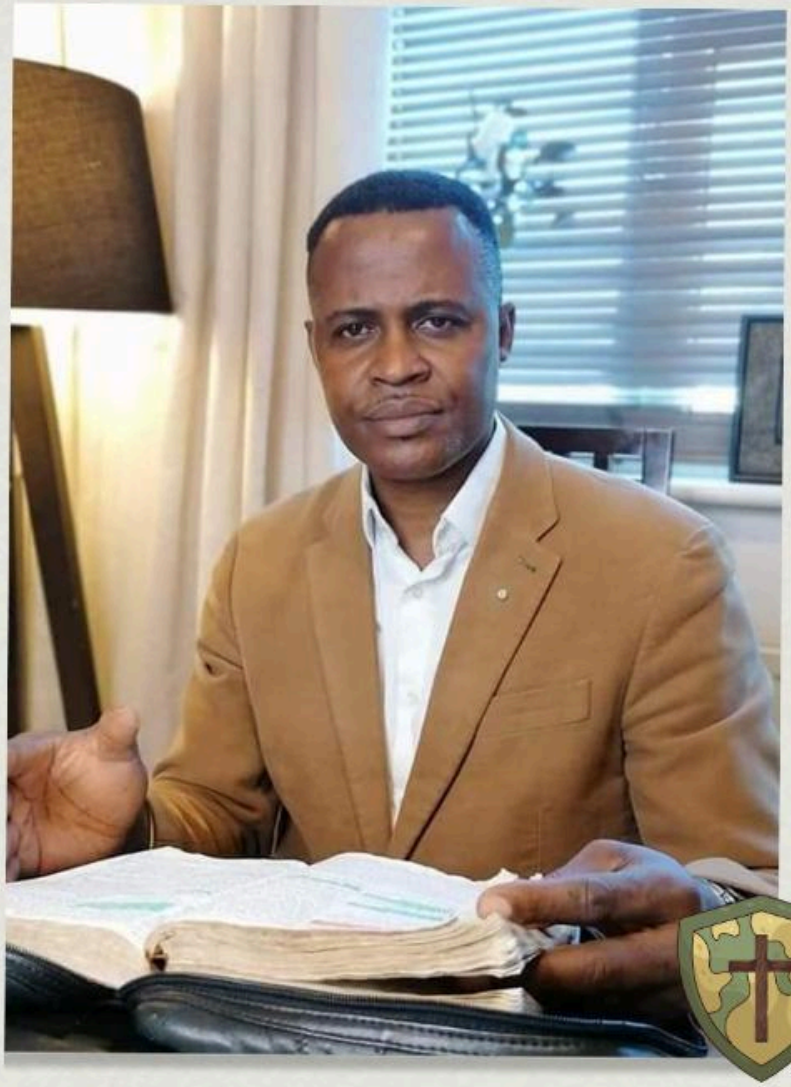
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THE UNPARALLELED ARMY: THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS' STEAD

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Dear Beloved Family,

There are words that, when spoken in the right season, do not just describe reality - they unveil it. This is such a season, and **"The Unparalleled Army"** is such a word. It is not a boast. It is a declaration. It is not a title we have given ourselves. It is a designation that belongs to the Church of God by divine appointment - forged in the counsel of eternity, ratified by the blood of the Cross, and confirmed by the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This special edition of the Achiever's Faith Digest magazine exists to turn our eyes - your eyes - upon the Church of God as God Himself sees her. Not as the world sees her: fractured, diminished, embattled on every side, or quietly retreating from the cultural and spiritual battlegrounds of the age. But as she truly is: superior to every force and power known or yet to be known, in any human history - past, present, and future. Unparalleled. Undefeated. Undiminished.

> "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:32.

The Church of God, depicted as the Unparalleled Army of God in Christ Jesus' stead, stands in comparison to any force and power known or yet to be known - in any chapter of human history - and she is superior. She is unparalleled. Her Commandant - the Lord Jesus Christ - rules and reigns supreme in the heavenly, beneath the earth, and upon the earth, at any time, on any day, and in any place, simultaneously. For God is omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient - unlimited by geography or territory, having apportioned the nations as He wills.

> "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." - Ephesians 1:22–23.

This is the Church you belong to. This is the Army in which you serve. Let that settle in you before you turn another page.

And what an Army she is. For the beauty of the graciousness, gracefulness, and goodness of this Unparalleled Army is this: the Captain of the host of the Lord's army accompanies her, and with Him comes an indescribable and invincible angelic host, bearing an armoury not of human craft and not subject to human defeat. Joshua encountered this Captain on the eve of Jericho, sword drawn **(Joshua 5:13-14),** and fell on his face in worship. The writer of Hebrews tells us these same angelic beings are "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" **(Hebrews 1:14).**

> "Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." Psalms 103:20.

This Army is not limited by geography, people or tribe, culture, tongue, class or status, colour, or any such distinction. She is visible in every place of human dwelling on the planet. She is the one force the gates of hell cannot prevail against **(Matthew 16:18)** - and she is the company you are part of.

WHO WE ARE



This edition exists to remind you - and through you, the world - of precisely who this Army is. She is glamorous and authentic, genuine and real, making a difference in humanity in ways that no other force in history has matched or can match. Let me name her character plainly:

- The Unparalleled Army is loving and lovely - faith working through love is the mark of her life **(Galatians 5:6, 13; 1 John 4:7-21).**
- The Unparalleled Army is glorious and spotless - presented to Christ without wrinkle or blemish **(Ephesians 5:25-33).**
- The Unparalleled Army is militant, soldier-like in warfare - enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ **(2 Timothy 2:3-4; Ephesians 6:10-20).**
- The Unparalleled Army is triumphant and triumphing - always led in triumph in Christ Jesus **(2 Corinthians 2:14; Exodus 15:1, 21).**
- The Unparalleled Army is victorious - thanks be to God who giveth us the victory **(1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 5:4).**
- The Unparalleled Army is overcoming, and an overcomer - whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world **(1 John 5:4–5; Revelation 12:11; 1 John 4:4).**
- The Unparalleled Army is more than a conqueror - in all things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him **(Romans 8:31-37).**
- The Unparalleled Army is the heavenly ambassador and embassy - ambassadors for Christ, representing the Kingdom on earth **(2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Ephesians 6:20).**
- The Unparalleled Army is emboldened and fearless - God hath not given us the spirit of fear **(2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 John 4:17-18; Hebrews 4:14-16).**

- The Unparalleled Army is built on God's holiness and righteousness in Christ, made the righteousness of God in Him **(1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 14:17).**

Beloved, this is not aspirational language about what the Church might one day become. This is a present-tense declaration of what she already is in Christ Jesus' stead. Every page of this special edition is designed to help you see it, believe it, and live from it.

> "Your people will offer themselves willingly [and volunteer] [to participate in Your battle] in the day of Your power; In the splendour of holiness, from the womb of the dawn, Your young men are to You as the dew." **Psalms 110:3 AMP (Emphasis Mine).**

You are part of the most extraordinary company ever assembled in the history of the cosmos. You are a soldier of the Unparalleled Army. You are a member of the Church that the gates of hell cannot prevail against. You are purchased by the blood of God Himself. Walk in it.

This edition is offered with that prayer on every page: that you would know, in the deepest places of your spirit, exactly who you are - and that the knowing would make you dangerous to the enemy and glorious to the Lord.

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THEME INTRODUCTION



Who Is the Church of God?

Unpacking the identity of the Unparalleled Army - 1 Corinthians 10:32

Before we can speak about what the Church of God does, we must settle who she is. Identity precedes assignment. Character precedes commission. And in the case of the Church of God - the Unparalleled Army - the identity that Scripture reveals is one that far exceeds anything the contemporary world, or even much of contemporary Christianity, has dared to articulate.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the church at Corinth, gave one of the most quietly remarkable designations ever committed to parchment. In a single instructional breath, he placed the Church of God in a category of her own: "Give no offence, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the Church of God" **(1 Corinthians 10:32).** Jews. Greeks. And then - as a distinct third category - the Church of God. This is not incidental phrasing. It is a statement about the Church's singular standing in the economy of God.

> "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God." **-1 Corinthians 10:32.**

Set Apart: A Word-Based, Spirit-Charged Army

The Unparalleled Army - the Church of God in Christ Jesus' stead - is spiritually charged, energised, and synergised.

She is set apart uniquely as a Word-based Church for the glory and praise of God in the person of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This is not a self-appointed distinction. It is the divine decree of the one who set her apart for Himself: "Know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself" **(Psalms 4:3).**

The Lord Jesus Himself made the condition of membership in this Army plain. Those who would be His disciples - enlisted into the Unparalleled Army - must continue in His Word, without compromise of any sort and in every respect, irrespective of anything known or unknown. It is through that continued abiding in the Word that they come to know the truth, and the truth, in turn, makes them free.

> "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." - **John 8:31-32.**

The Word, furthermore, is not only the condition of discipleship - it is the vehicle of inheritance. Paul's charge to the Ephesian elders underscores this: "I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" **(Acts 20:32).** The Word builds. The Word bequeaths. And the Church that remains Word-based is the Church that stands fully equipped for every dimension of her calling.

Spirit-Filled, Love-Filled, Hope-Filled, Word-Filled, Faith-Filled

What makes the Unparalleled Army so utterly unequalled - what places her beyond the reach of any rival force in the cosmos - is not merely her doctrine or her discipline, but the nature of the life that fills her. She is Spirit-filled, Word-filled, Love-filled, Hope-filled, and Faith-filled. These are not aspirational qualities. They are present-tense endowments, efficacious because of the effectual and efficient working of the blessed Holy Spirit by the Word of God into the very being of the Church.

The love of God shed abroad in the heart of the believer by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5) is not a human sentiment that rises and falls with circumstance. It is the lavish, God-quality love that held nothing back, even when we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). The hope that fills this Army does not disappoint, because it is not rooted in probability - it is rooted in the Person and faithfulness of God.

The faith that energises her is the very currency of the Kingdom - the one medium of exchange that God recognises and responds to.

- You ARE the Spirit-Filled Church - the Holy Spirit is the energising and synergising force of all she is and does.
- You ARE the Word-Filled Church - the Word of God is her foundation, her food, and her framework for living.
- You ARE the Love-Filled Church - the love of God shed abroad in the heart is the mark of her life and witness.
- You ARE the Hope-Filled Church - a living, resurrection-grounded hope that does not disappoint.
- You ARE the Faith-Filled Church - the spiritual currency that overcomes the world and accesses Heavenly supply.

Beyond Every Boundary

The Unparalleled Army is located in every place where life is being done in humanity on the earth. She is not limited by geography. She is multi-generational, non-denominational, multilingual, multicultural, and multidimensional. She cannot be trivialised, institutionalised, or denominationalised. She cannot be measured by culture, colour, gender, tongue, or territory. She is the Church of God - beyond walls, borders, and nations.

> "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." **- Galatians 3:28-29.**

She has been redeemed out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and made kings and priests unto God **(Revelation 5:9–10).** And she carries, into every space she occupies, the very life and character of the one who purchased her. When you begin to manifest the essence of who you are in Christ Jesus, the Spirit of the Greater One within you will work through you to make the difference that draws others into this uniquely set-apart, invincibly assisted, Unparalleled Army. You are that Army. You are the Church of God.

> "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." - **1 John 4:4.**

See also: *Psalms 4:3; John 8:30-32; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:5, 8; Revelation 5:9-10; Galatians 3:26-29; 1 John 4:4-6; Ephesians 4:11–16; Romans 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:3-5.*

III

FOUR PILLARS OF THE ARMY

Loving, Glorious, Militant & Triumphant - the character of the Church of God in Christ Jesus' stead

The banner that flies over the Unparalleled Army declares four things about her character. These are not four aspirations for what the Church hopes to become in some distant season of perfection. They are four present-tense realities - four pillars on which her identity rests, four facets of a single diamond, four ways of describing the same staggering truth: the Church of God is not only remarkable. She is unparalleled.

These four pillars - Loving, Glorious, Militant, and Triumphant - are not in tension with one another. They are not four different modes between which the Church alternates depending on the season she is in. They coexist, simultaneously and completely, in every authentic expression of the Church of God. A Church that is genuinely Loving will also be genuinely Militant. A Church that is truly Glorious will also be truly Triumphant. Let us take each in turn.

> "For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is already laid, which is Jesus Christ." - **1 Corinthians 3:11, AMP.**

1. LOVING AND LOVELY

The Unparalleled Army is, above all else, a Love Army. Not love as the world defines it - sentimental, conditional, self-serving - but the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit **(Romans 5:5),** working outward through faith and service. Paul's declaration in **Galatians 5:6** is foundational here: in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything - but faith working through love. Love is not an add-on to the Army's mission. It is the mode in which the mission operates.

The Apostle John goes further: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God" **(1 John 4:7).** To be born of God is to carry the love of God. The Unparalleled Army is lovely in character because she is love-filled in constitution. Every act of service, every word of proclamation, every expression of the Kingdom - when it flows from the Church of God - flows through the channel of love.

See also: Galatians 5:6, 13; 1 John 4:7–21; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13.

2. GLORIOUS AND SPOTLESS

The Church of God is glorious. This is not a statement about institutional achievement, architectural grandeur, or numerical strength. It is a statement about her standing before God - the standing that Christ Himself purchased for her and continues to maintain. The writer of Ephesians gives us the most stunning portrait of this glory:

Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her by the washing of water with the Word, "that He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless" **(Ephesians 5:26–27, AMP).**

The glory of the Unparalleled Army is not self-generated. It is Christ's gift to her - the beauty He has bestowed through His own sacrifice and His ongoing intercession. She is spotless not because she has never known failure, but because the blood of Jesus has cleansed every stain and the Word of God continues to sanctify her daily. This is the glory in which she stands: not the glory of human attainment, but the glory of divine grace freely given.

See also: *Ephesians 5:25-33; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Psalms 45:13; Revelation 19:7-8; Colossians 1:27.*

3. MILITANT, SOLDIER-LIKE IN WARFARE

The Unparalleled Army is militant - and this is not a contradiction of her loveliness or her glory. It is the necessary expression of both in a world that is not yet fully reconciled to the reign of Christ. The Apostle Paul does not shy away from the language of warfare: "Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" **(2 Timothy 2:3-4).** The believer is a soldier by enlistment - enrolled at the new birth - and the battlefield is real.

But the warfare of the Unparalleled Army is not carnal. Paul is equally clear: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" **(2 Corinthians 10:3–4).** The strength of this Army is not in numbers, resources, or strategy - it is in the name of Jesus, the Word of God, and the armour that God Himself has provided **(Ephesians 6:10-20).** Dressed in that armour, the Unparalleled Army stands - and having done all, continues to stand.

See also: *2 Timothy 2:3–4; Ephesians 6:10-20; 1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Corinthians 10:3–6; 1 Peter 5:8–10.*

4. TRIUMPHANT AND TRIUMPHING

The Unparalleled Army does not just survive her battles - she triumphs in them. This is the declaration of 2 Corinthians 2:14, one of the most arresting statements in the Pauline letters: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." The triumph is not occasional or circumstantial. It is the permanent standinhg of a Church that has been led in procession by a Commander who has already won the decisive victory.

FOUR PILLARS OF THE ARMY

The triumph at the sea was not the achievement of the Israelites - it was the act of God on their behalf. And so it is for the Church: her triumph is not self-generated. It is the overflow of Christ's own victory at Calvary, extended to every member of the Army through union with Him. The Church is triumphant because her Lord is triumphant - and He has made her so.

See also: 2 Corinthians 2:14; Exodus 15:1, 21; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Colossians 2:15; Romans 8:37; Revelation 12:11

PAUSE AND THINK!

These four pillars - Loving, Glorious, Militant, and Triumphant - are not four chapters in the Church's story. They are four dimensions of her present reality. She lives in them simultaneously. She expresses them concurrently. And she does so not through her own ingenuity or determination, but through the life of Christ within her, worked out by the Holy Spirit through the Word.

The Unparalleled Army is glamorous and authentic, genuine and real, making a difference in humanity in ways no other force in history has matched or can match. This is who you are. This is the Army you belong to. And as you take time to study the Word for yourself, you will discover more and more of who you are in Christ Jesus' stead - and how to actualise it to make the difference in your life and in the world.

> "To him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." - Ephesians 3:21.

See also: Ephesians 5:25–33; Galatians 5:6, 13; 1 John 4:7–21; 2 Timothy 2:3–4; Ephesians 6:10–20; 2 Corinthians 10:3–6; 2 Corinthians 2:14; Exodus 15:1, 21; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Isaiah 54:13–17; Colossians 2:15; Romans 8:37.

III

GOD'S BATTLE AXE AND WEAPONS OF WAR

Holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience — Jeremiah 51:20–23; 1 Timothy 3:9

There is a moment in every soldier's formation when the nature of their role becomes unmistakably clear. Not simply that they have been enrolled in a force - but that they are the force. That the weapon is not something they carry in their hand; it is something they are. For the Unparalleled Army - the Church of God in Christ Jesus' stead - that moment of reckoning is grounded in one of the most startling declarations in all of Scripture.

> "Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms."
> **- Jeremiah 51:20.**

God is not speaking here to an empire or a military general. He is speaking to His own - the people set apart for His purposes. And the declaration is breathtaking in its directness: you are not only enlisted in the army. You are the battle axe. You are the weapon. You are the vessel through which God's dominion-purposes on earth are transmitted and enacted. The Church of God does not merely support the mission of the Kingdom - she is the instrument of it.

But note that this identity is not self-activating. The Unparalleled Army must first come to the point of fully acknowledging and understanding this scriptural truth about herself. Many members of the Church of God have never settled into the reality of what they carry. They live below the waterline of what redemption has made possible, not because the provision is lacking, but because the recognition has not yet been fully embraced.

Faith: The Active Mechanism of the Weapon

The means by which this battle axe operates in the earth is faith - specifically, faith held in a pure conscience **(1 Timothy 3:9).** It is worth pausing to understand what this means. Faith is not passive. Unlike believing, which is the inner, receptive posture of the heart toward the Word of God, faith is the present-tense, active expression of that believing. Faith acts. Faith moves. Faith corresponds to what has been received in the heart and takes it into the visible, tangible arena of life.

Faith is not a religious sentiment or a psychological disposition. It is the only spiritual currency that God recognises and responds to - the one medium of exchange that connects the supply of the risen Christ to the daily demands of human life. Without it, no transaction with God is possible **(Hebrews 11:6).** With it, every stronghold that sets itself against the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus stands answerable and answerable entirely **(2 Corinthians 10:4–5).**

> "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." - 1 Timothy 3:9.

The qualifier 'in a pure conscience' is not incidental. Paul's pastoral concern throughout his letters is that faith operates within the moral and spiritual integrity of the one who holds it. A conscience riddled with unaddressed offence - toward God or toward others - becomes a weakened vessel. The weapon loses its edge. Paul's instruction to Timothy bears this out: those who had "put away" faith and a good conscience had "made shipwreck" of their walk with God **(1 Timothy 1:19).** The Unparalleled Army guards her conscience as she guards her life - for the two are inseparable.

The Enemy's Primary Target

Life battles are real. Even the scripture does not soften this. There is an adversary who prowls without rest, roaring aggressively, looking for any avenue of entry - and his primary target is not the believer's finances, family, career, or ministry. These are secondary concerns. His primary and singular aim is the believer's faith.

The logic is precise: if the adversary can displace or destroy the faith of a member of the Unparalleled Army, everything else collapses with it. Faith is the one divinely-installed mechanism that activates redemption in human experience, overcomes the world's systems, and keeps the battle axe sharp. Devour the faith and you devour the soldier. This is why the Apostle Peter's instruction is not just cautionary - it is tactical:

"Be sober, be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, be firm in your faith — rooted, established, immovable." **- 1 Peter 5:8–9, AMP.**

The word 'resist' is not passive. It is the same vocabulary as the soldier who holds ground under fire - who does not retreat, does not negotiate, does not yield. And the ground on which the Unparalleled Army holds firm is not physical territory. It is faith. It is the settled, Word-rooted, conscience-guarded conviction that God is who He says He is, and that what He has promised, He will perform.

"The enemy's primary aim is never the believer's money, family, or ministry. His singular target is the faith - because devour the faith and everything else collapses with it."

An army that is unprepared for battle is an army in danger. The Unparalleled Army is called to preparedness - not reactive, crisis-driven faith, but the kind of daily, sustained, Word-fed faith that is already fortified when the battle intensifies. Jeremiah's challenge to those who grew weary running with footmen is sobering: if the easy seasons exhaust you, how will you contend in the swelling of Jordan **(Jeremiah 12:5)?** The implication is plain: the measure of your preparedness in the quiet seasons determines your capacity in the fierce ones.

This preparedness is built through consistent attendance to the Word of God - for faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God **(Romans 10:17).** It is built through a prayer life that stays engaged even when the atmosphere is calm. It is built through the deliberate guarding of conscience, the maintenance of a pure heart, and the daily alignment of thought-life with what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report (Philippians 4:8). These are not optional spiritual exercises for the devoted few. They are the standard operating practice of every soldier in the Unparalleled Army.

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> "The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord." - Proverbs 21:31.

Your faith is the mystery of your victory - your today and your tomorrow. It is the one lane, two-way street that connects the supply of God in Christ Jesus to every demand of life and godliness. Fight for it. Build it up. Guard it in a pure conscience. For the Unparalleled Army that holds its faith holds everything.

See also: *1 Timothy 1:18–20; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3–6; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:57–58; Romans 8:35–39; Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 10:8–10; Mark 11:20–24; Hebrews 11:1–40.*

III

THE ARMY THAT DOES NOT HOLD THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

The integrity of the Unparalleled Army's witness - Romans 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:9; Ephesians 4:15

An army's effectiveness in battle depends not only on its weapons but on its integrity. A soldier who fights under false colours, who claims a commission he has not received, or who gives orders he himself refuses to follow, is not only ineffective - he is dangerous to the very cause he claims to serve. The Unparalleled Army - Loving, Glorious, Militant, and Triumphant - is an army whose integrity is non-negotiable, because the truth she carries is not her own invention. It is the Word of God. It is Christ Jesus Himself.

> "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." - Romans 1:18.

Jesus Is the Truth - Not Merely a Truth

The Unparalleled Army holds to the truth in righteousness toward God in Christ Jesus - and the first thing to establish is the nature of the truth she holds. Jesus Christ is not a truth among many competing truths. He is the Truth **(John 14:6).** He is the Word made flesh **(John 1:14)**. He gives light to all who sit in darkness, and life - the eternal life of God - to all who seek the Father in Him **(John 17:3; 1 John 5:11–12)**. The truth the Unparalleled Army is commissioned to hold and to proclaim is not a philosophical position or a religious tradition. It is a Person. And any departure from the Person of Christ Jesus - whether through perversion, adulteration, dilution, or sentimentalised reframing - is a departure from the truth itself.

This is why the Apostle Paul's alarm in Galatians 1:6–9 is so severe. He marvels that believers could so quickly be removed from the grace of Christ to 'another gospel' - and he is equally swift to clarify: it is not another gospel at all. It is a perversion of the one Gospel. And he pronounces a double curse on any who preach it, regardless of their standing - whether man or angel. The standard of the Unparalleled Army is not the prevailing sentiment of the day. It is the unadulterated Word of God.

> "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." - John 17:17.

The Integrity Test: Living What You Preach

There is a pointed and necessary distinction to be drawn here. Holding the truth in unrighteousness is not only a failure of proclamation - it is equally a failure of conduct.

The Apostle Paul's indictment in **Romans 2:21–23** is one of the sharpest passages in the New Testament on this subject: 'Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?' The name of God, Paul concludes, is blasphemed among those who have never heard the Gospel - because of the conduct of those who claim to represent it.

For the Unparalleled Army, this is not a peripheral concern. It is a matter of mission-critical integrity. You cannot build up the body of Christ Jesus with one hand while undermining it with the other. You cannot call others to a standard of life that the Word of God clearly upholds, while privately maintaining a pattern of conduct that contradicts it. These two things cannot coexist in the life of a soldier whose entire calling rests on the authority of the Word. The Unparalleled Army lives by a pure conscience - toward God and toward every person it encounters.

THE TEST: Does my life, at the level others cannot see, align with what I proclaim in public? The Unparalleled Army is not double-tongued. Her private reality is the foundation of her public authority.

Speaking the Truth in Love

The corrective we ought to embrace is not only to avoid unrighteousness - it is to actively speak the truth in love. These two - truth and love - are not in tension in the Unparalleled Army. They are the two rails on which her witness runs. Truth without love becomes harsh and alienating, driving people away from the very grace it intends to proclaim. Love without truth becomes sentimental and shapeless, offering comfort without the substance that transforms.

> "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." - Ephesians 4:15.

Paul's vision in Ephesians 3:17–19 is the fullest picture of what this looks like in practice: a Church rooted and grounded in the love of Christ - a love that surpasses natural knowledge - filled with all the fulness of God. This is not a love that shrinks from hard truths. It is a love so vast and so sure of its ground that it can speak the most searching Word without flinching and without cruelty, because it speaks from the security of knowing how deeply the one before it is loved by God.

The Unparalleled Army that is Lovely, Glorious, Militant, and Triumphant is commissioned to speak the truth in love as a matter of identity - not just strategy. It is who she is. It is the nature of the one who lives within her. And it is the only register in which the truth she carries can be fully received.

See also: Romans 1:18–32; Romans 2:21–29; John 8:30–32; John 14:6; John 17:16–19; 1 John 5:7; John 1:1–5, 14, 17; Jude 1:3–4; Galatians 1:6–10; Ephesians 3:17–19; Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 2:19–21; Philippians 1:15–18.

III

BEING THE ARMY AT A COST

What it demands to become the Unparalleled Army in the face of religious opposition - Colossians 2:6–8; Acts 20:28

To be born of God in Christ Jesus is always a gift of grace - free, unearned, and complete. But to become fully what that new birth has made possible - to walk as the Unparalleled Army in the full manifestation of the Word-filled, Spirit-filled, truth-holding soldier that God has ordained - that is something that comes at a cost. It has always come at a cost.

> "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him … beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." - Colossians 2:6–8.

The cost is not just personal sacrifice in a vague sense. It is something far more specific: the cost of standing for the unaltered Word of God in the face of religious systems - creeds, bylaws, and dogmas of denominationalised, traditionalist, and culturalised institutions - that have accommodated themselves to the sentiments of the day at the expense of the truth of God's Word. This is not a new challenge. Our Lord Jesus Himself confronted it head-on with the religious authorities of His generation - those who, as He told them plainly, had made the Word of God of no effect through their traditions (Mark 7:13).

William Tyndale: A Soldier Who Paid the Full Price

Few stories in the history of the Church illuminate the cost of being the Unparalleled Army more vividly than that of William Tyndale - a man who gave his life so that the Word of God could reach the common people of England in their own language.

Who was Tyndale? A graduate of Oxford and Cambridge, William Tyndale had one burning conviction: that every ordinary person in England - including the boy who drove the plough - should have direct access to the Word of God in a language they could understand. In the early sixteenth century, this was not only controversial. It was illegal.

Tyndale went to the Bishop of London to request authorisation for an English translation of the Scripture. He was refused. Rather than abandoning what he understood to be the clear will of God, he went to Europe, found printers willing to take the risk, completed his translation of the New Testament, and had six thousand copies smuggled back into England. The religious establishment of his day - the very institution that claimed to represent the Church of God - responded by burning the copies publicly and hunting the translator across the continent.

Within three years, Henry VIII required every parish church in England to make an English Bible available to its parishioners. Today, ninety per cent of the King James Version and seventy-five per cent of the Revised Standard Version are built on Tyndale's translation. The prayer of the soldier burnt at the stake was answered - and continues to be answered every time the Word of God is opened in the English language anywhere on earth.

"Tyndale's 'offence' was believing that the mercy of God in Christ Jesus was enough for salvation. The Unparalleled Army still holds that truth today - and pays whatever it costs to hold it."

What the Tyndale Story Demands of the Unparalleled Army Today

The purpose in recounting Tyndale's story is not just about history. It is a provocation to the present-day Unparalleled Army. The cost of standing for the Word of God in the face of religious tradition, cultural pressure, and institutional opposition has not disappeared. It has changed form. The flames are different. The authorities are different. But the tension between the pure Word of God and the accommodated, sentimentalised, tradition-bound religion of the day is as live now as it was in Tyndale's England.

The weapons the Unparalleled Army carries into this contest are not physical. They are divinely powerful for the pulling down of every sophisticated argument and every elevated position that sets itself against the true knowledge of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 10:4–5). The armour that equips her - truth at the waist, righteousness at the chest, the Gospel of peace on her feet, faith as her shield, the assurance of salvation covering her mind, and the Word of God as her sword - is sufficient for every theatre of conflict she enters (Ephesians 6:14–17).

> "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." - Ephesians 6:10–11.

The Unparalleled Army is not called to be popular. She is not called to be comfortable. She is called to be faithful - to hold the Word of God without dilution, to speak the truth in love without compromise, to stand in the power of the risen Christ against every force that would diminish, pervert, or silence the Gospel of grace. Tyndale did it at the cost of his life. The Unparalleled Army today is called to do it at whatever cost the season demands.

Be informed. Be transformed. And be the Unparalleled Army - holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience, walking in the full armour of God, and standing firm until the Captain of the host returns.

See also: Colossians 2:1–23; Mark 7:11–13; 1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Corinthians 10:3–6; Ephesians 6:10–20; Luke 10:17–20; 1 Timothy 1:18–20; 1 Timothy 6:12.

III

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Fit for the Field (Soldier's Field Brief)

Physical fitness and mental resilience for the Unparalleled Army — stewarding the soldier's body and mind for active duty

> "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." - 1 Corinthians 6:19–20.

No army deploys soldiers who are not field-ready. A soldier who has neglected physical conditioning, who carries unresolved mental weight into battle, or who has allowed the disciplines of rest and recovery to erode is a liability — not to themselves alone, but to the entire unit. The Unparalleled Army — the Church of God in Christ Jesus' stead — operates on exactly this principle. The body you inhabit is not incidental to your calling. It is the instrument through which your calling is carried out. It was purchased at the highest possible price. It deserves to be treated accordingly.

This field brief is a practical briefing on two of the most critical areas of soldier readiness: physical fitness and mental resilience. Both are dimensions of the same commitment — to present yourself to God and to the mission of the Unparalleled Army as a vessel that is strong, clear, and fully operational.

3X	30 Mins	7 - 8 Hrs	Daily
Strength sessions per week	Daily movements minimum	Sleep for full recovery	Mental reward in the word

Part One: Physical Fitness — Training the Soldier's Body

The Apostle Paul, writing to the young soldier Timothy, used the language of physical training deliberately: "Bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things" (1 Timothy 4:8). The often-quoted phrase is frequently used to dismiss physical fitness — but the full verse is more nuanced. Paul does not say bodily exercise is worthless. He says it profits 'a little' — and in the context of a letter calling a minister to full readiness for every assignment, even 'a little' is worth having. A soldier who is physically depleted makes compromised decisions, loses stamina in sustained effort, and cannot serve at full capacity. Physical care is not vanity. It is stewardship.

"24 [a]Do you not know that in a race all the runners run [their very best to win], but only one receives the prize? Run [your race] in such a way that you may seize the prize and make it yours! 25 Now every athlete who [goes into training and] competes in the games is disciplined and exercises self-control in all things. They do it to win a [b]crown that withers, but we [do it to receive] an imperishable [crown that cannot wither]. 26 Therefore I do not run without a definite goal; I do not flail around like one beating the air [just shadow boxing]. 27 But [like a boxer] I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached [the gospel] to others, I myself will not somehow be disqualified [as unfit for service]." **- 1 Corinthians 9:24–27, AMP.**

Paul's athletic metaphors throughout his letters are not decorative. They describe a deliberate way of living: disciplined, purposeful, and oriented toward a goal that outlasts the effort required to reach it. The Unparalleled Army runs to win. And the soldier who runs to win does not run carelessly.

The Three Physical Priorities

Military fitness is built on three foundational capacities. Each has a direct parallel in the life of the Unparalleled Army.

ORDER 01:

STRENGTH - The capacity to exert force and hold ground.
In the body: resistance training, functional movement, building muscle that supports sustained activity.
In the spirit: the strength that comes from being rooted and built up in Christ (Colossians 2:7) - the kind that does not buckle under sustained pressure.

ORDER 02:

ENDURANCE - The capacity to maintain effort over time without collapse.
In the body: cardiovascular conditioning — walking, running, cycling, swimming — that builds the heart's ability to sustain output.
In the spirit: the patient endurance Paul commends in 2 Timothy 2:3 — enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, finishing the race set before you.

ORDER 03:

MOBILITY & RECOVERY - The capacity to move freely and return to full operational readiness after exertion.
In the body: stretching, flexibility work, adequate hydration, and sleep.
In the spirit: the rest that Jesus offers to those who are labouring and heavy-laden (Matthew 11:28–29) — the restoration that only comes from ceasing striving and trusting the Commander.

FIELD NOTE: You do not need a gym to be field-ready. Push-ups, squats, lunges, planks, and brisk walking require no equipment and build all three physical capacities. The discipline is the discipline — wherever you are.

"The soldier who is physically depleted makes compromised decisions. Physical care is not vanity — it is stewardship of what God has purchased."

Part Two: Mental Resilience — Fortifying the Soldier's Mind

Physical strength without mental fortitude is a soldier only half-equipped. The Apostle Paul was unambiguous about the nature of the warfare the Unparalleled Army is engaged in: the weapons are not physical, and neither is the primary theatre of conflict. The battle is fought, won, and lost at the level of the mind. Every stronghold the enemy builds is a stronghold in the thinking. Every sophisticated argument that sets itself against the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus is a mind-level operation (2 Corinthians 10:4–5).

The Unparalleled Army cannot afford a poorly maintained mind. A thought-life that is undisciplined, fear-saturated, bitterness-held, or addicted to the constant noise of distraction is a mind that has handed tactical advantage to the adversary. Mental resilience is not the absence of difficulty or pressure — it is the cultivated capacity to hold steady, think clearly, and act decisively from the Word of God, regardless of what the surrounding environment is reporting.

> "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." - Romans 12:2.

Five Mental Disciplines of the Unparalleled Soldier

ORDER 01:

RENEW THE MIND DAILY - The mind is not automatically renewed at the new birth. It requires consistent, intentional exposure to the Word of God — reading, meditating, confessing, and acting on what is written in the scriptures. This is the primary mechanism of mental transformation that Romans 12:2 describes. Fifteen to twenty minutes of focused Scripture engagement each morning changes the baseline from which every subsequent decision in the day is made.

ORDER 02:

GOVERN THE THOUGHT-LIFE - Philippians 4:8 is not a suggestion. It is a standing field order: whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report — think on these things. The soldier who permits their thought-life to dwell habitually on fear, resentment, comparison, or defeat is actively undermining their own operational capacity.

ORDER 03:

PROCESS PRESSURE WITHOUT SUPPRESSION - Mental resilience is not the same as emotional suppression. The Unparalleled Army is not called to pretend that pressure, grief, or difficulty are absent. The Psalms are full of honest, raw engagement with God in seasons of distress. What distinguishes the resilient soldier is not the absence of those seasons, but the practice of bringing them directly to God in prayer — casting every care upon Him, because He genuinely cares **(1 Peter 5:7).**

ORDER 04:

GUARD AGAINST MENTAL FATIGUE - Sustained mental effort without adequate rest and recovery produces the same degradation in decision-making that physical exhaustion produces in physical performance. The Unparalleled Army is commanded, not merely permitted, to rest. Even the great prophet Elijah, after one of the most extraordinary displays of spiritual power in Scripture, was fed, rested, and sent to sleep — twice — before God spoke to him again (1 Kings 19:5–8). Rest is not weakness. It is preparation.

ORDER 05:

BUILD AND MAINTAIN YOUR SUPPORT UNIT - No soldier operates in full isolation. The Unparalleled Army is a body — locally and universally constituted — and isolation from that body leaves the individual soldier exposed. Mental resilience is strengthened in community: through honest fellowship, accountable relationships, and the mutual encouragement that the writer of Hebrews describes as the daily antidote to hardness of heart (Hebrews 3:13). Invest in your unit.

THREAT ASSESSMENT: The adversary's primary target is the believer's faith — and his most consistent avenue of attack is the mind. Fear, discouragement, bitterness, and spiritual passivity are not random experiences. They are tactical operations. An informed soldier recognises the operation and responds with the appropriate counter-measure: the Word of God.

7-Day Soldier's Readiness Plan

A practical weekly schedule integrating physical training and mental renewal:

DAY	FOCUS	FIELD ORDERS
MONDAY	Strength	Push-ups, squats, lunges — 3 sets each. Build muscular endurance.
TUESDAY	Cardio	30-min brisk walk or jog. Build cardiovascular capacity.
WEDNESDAY	Core + Word	Planks, sit-ups, stretching. 20 mins in Scripture. Renew the mind.
THURSDAY	Strength	Repeat Monday's routine. Add resistance where possible.
FRIDAY	Mental Drill	Journalling, gratitude, scripture meditation. Guard the thought-life.
SATURDAY	Active Rest	Light walk, stretching, community. Rest is preparation, not absence.
SUNDAY	Renewal	Corporate worship, rest, reflection. The army regroups together.

Field Rations: Fuelling the Soldier's Body

No soldier goes into the field without rations. The body's performance — physical and cognitive — is directly tied to what it is fed. The Unparalleled Army is called to be intentional about this. The following are non-negotiable field rations for sustained readiness:

- WATER: Dehydration degrades both physical performance and cognitive clarity. Aim for a minimum of eight glasses of water daily. A dehydrated soldier is a compromised soldier.
- PROTEIN: The building block of muscle and sustained energy. Eggs, fish, beans, chicken, and legumes. The body rebuilds itself from what it is given — give it material to build with.
- COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES: The fuel of endurance. Oats, whole grains, brown rice, yam, and plantain provide slow-release energy that sustains output across long operations, rather than the spike-and-crash of refined sugar.
- FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Immune function, tissue repair, and mental clarity all depend on micronutrient supply. Citrus fruits, leafy greens, tomatoes, and peppers are readily available and operationally essential.

- AVOID: Excess sugar, heavily processed foods, alcohol, and late-night heavy meals. These are the rations that degrade performance. The Unparalleled Army does not fuel herself on what weakens her.

Stand Down Briefing

The Unparalleled Army is called to present her body as a living sacrifice — holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). This is not a one-time act of dedication. It is a daily operational commitment: to maintain the physical instrument, fortify the mental capacity, fuel the body with what builds rather than what diminishes, and return consistently to the Word of God as the primary source of renewal for both.

A weak body and an undisciplined mind are liabilities in any theatre of operation. The Unparalleled Army — Loving, Glorious, Militant, and Triumphant — does not field liabilities. She fields soldiers. And soldiers prepare. They train. They fuel. They rest. They renew. And then they stand — having done all, they stand (Ephesians 6:13).

> "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." **- Romans 12:1.**

III

THE DAY ZIKLAG BURNED [1 SAMUEL 30]



Three angles on one chapter — the cost of an unguarded city, the principle of equal share, and the unity of an army that recovers all

There are chapters in Scripture that do not read like religion. They read like war — raw, costly, and without sentiment. 1 Samuel 30 is one of them. It is a chapter about an army that came home to find everything gone.

It is about grief so deep that men wept until they had no more power to weep. It is about a commander who faced mutiny from the very soldiers he had led through every previous battle. And it is about a God who, in the middle of all of that, gave one clear instruction: pursue. For thou shalt without doubt recover all.

But before we reach the recovery, we need to sit in the ruins for a moment — because the ruins are where the three most instructive angles of this chapter are found.

> "And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; and had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep." - 1 Samuel 30:1–4

ANGLE ONE - The People of Ziklag

The cost of the enemy's raid on what was left unguarded

Ziklag was home. It was the city given to David by King Achish of the Philistines during his season of running from Saul — a base of operations, a place of residence, a location where the families of David's army lived. And when David and his six hundred men marched north with the Philistine army, they left Ziklag without a garrison. There was no defensive force left behind. The city was unguarded.

The Amalekites — a people David had consistently raided in previous campaigns — seized the opportunity. They came, they burned, and they took. Not one life was lost, but the text makes clear that the loss was devastating in every other dimension: wives, sons, daughters, all their possessions — carried away. The city they had trusted to be there when they returned was a ruin of ash and absence.

⚠THE TACTICAL ERROR: David's army had gone to war on another front without securing what was behind them. The enemy rarely attacks where the strength is concentrated. He attacks what has been left exposed.

What the Unparalleled Army Learns from Ziklag

The Ziklag incident is not a story about the failure of David's military competence. It is a story about the consequence of an unguarded position — and it carries a direct and sobering word for the Unparalleled Army today.

The adversary does not announce his approach or attack at the point of greatest visible strength. He probes for what has been left without covering — the relationship neglected in the busyness of ministry, the thought-life left unguarded in the press of activity, the home front left spiritually unattended while the outward work continues.

The Apostle Peter's warning is precisely calibrated to this pattern: the adversary prowls, seeking whom he may devour **(1 Peter 5:8).** The word 'seeking' implies reconnaissance — a deliberate search for the unguarded, the exposed, the unprotected. The Unparalleled Army that is fully armed on the public battlefield but leaves its home, its mind, and its relationships without covering has replicated the error of Ziklag.

- Guard what you love. The enemy targets what is most precious to you — not to wound you superficially, but to reach the deepest point of your capacity to continue. Identify what is most vulnerable in your life and station spiritual cover there deliberately.
- Never assume safety because the last season was quiet. The Amalekites struck precisely because David had raided them before and never finished the job. Unresolved threats do not disappear — they wait for the moment of exposure. The Unparalleled Army finishes what it starts.
- Grief is not defeat. David and his men wept until they had no more power to weep. The text does not rebuke them for this. It records it honestly. The Unparalleled Army is not called to perform invulnerability. She is called to move through grief and back to the God who gives the instruction to pursue.

ANGLE TWO - The Two Hundred Who Stayed Behind

And still received the spoil

Of the six hundred men who wept at Ziklag, four hundred were able to continue the pursuit when David received the instruction from God to go after the Amalekites. Two hundred were not. The text is matter-of-fact about their condition: they were 'so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor' **(1 Samuel 30:10).** They were spent. The combined weight of the march, the discovery at Ziklag, and the grief had brought them to a place of genuine physical incapacity. They could not go.

So David made a decision. He left the two hundred at the brook Besor with the supplies and led the four hundred on into the pursuit. And here is where the chapter produces one of its most searching moments: when the four hundred returned with the recovered spoil — wives, children, possessions, and the considerable plunder of the Amalekites' own raiding activity across the whole region — a faction among the four hundred refused to share it with the two hundred.

> "Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart." - 1 Samuel 30:22.

Their logic was militarily understandable: the two hundred had not fought. They had stayed behind. Why should they share equally in what was won at cost by those who pursued? It was the logic of merit, of earned reward, of contribution as the basis of entitlement. And David overruled it entirely.

> "But David said, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given us … For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike." - 1 Samuel 30:23–24.

"The spoil was not the reward of the four hundred's effort. It was the gift of God's faithfulness — and God's gifts are not distributed on the basis of human merit."

What the Unparalleled Army Learns from the Two Hundred

The two hundred who stayed at Besor are one of the most quietly significant groups in the Old Testament. They did not choose to be faint. They did not stay behind out of cowardice or self-interest — the text gives no suggestion of this. They had reached the limit of what their bodies and spirits could sustain at that moment, and the brook Besor is where they stopped.

The Unparalleled Army today contains its own Besor contingent — members who, in a particular season, are not at the front of the pursuit. Not because they lack commitment, but because they have been genuinely depleted: by sustained difficulty, by loss, by the weight of what was found when they came home to their own Ziklag. The two hundred at Besor are a word of grace to every member of the Unparalleled Army who is currently by the brook — not advancing, simply holding.

THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL SHARE: David established what became a statute and ordinance in Israel from that day forward: those who stay by the supplies share equally with those who go into battle. The measure of participation in the Body of Christ Jesus is not limited to visible, active-front engagement. Those who hold position, who pray, who maintain what must be maintained while others advance, are full participants in the victory.

- Your current capacity is not your permanent condition. The two hundred were faint at the brook — but they were not dismissed from the army. They were stationed at the supplies and waited for the return of those who pursued. Faintness in a season is not a disqualification from the Unparalleled Army. It is a temporary assignment to a different post.
- The spoil of God's faithfulness is not earned by merit. David's ruling silenced the men of Belial with a single truth: the recovered spoil was what 'the Lord hath given us'. It was not the product of the four hundred's military achievement. It was the gift of God's faithfulness to David's obedient pursuit. When God gives, He gives to the whole army — not only to those who were at the front.
- The body of Christ does not abandon its faint. The men of Belial wanted to send the two hundred away with only their family members and nothing else. David refused. The Unparalleled Army does not dismiss the depleted. She stations them, provides for them, and ensures they receive their full portion when the victory comes.

ANGLE THREE - The Four Hundred and the Two Hundred

The unity of an army that recovers all

The deepest lesson of **1 Samuel 30** is not found in the pursuit itself — remarkable as it was. It is found in the moment after the pursuit, when the army had to decide what kind of army it was going to be. The four hundred had fought. They had run the Egyptian servant to ground, followed his directions through the wilderness, attacked the Amalekite camp spread across the ground eating and drinking in celebration of their plunder, and recovered everything. Not a person was missing, not one thing was lost.

And in that moment of total recovery — the moment when the victory was as complete as a victory can be — the men of Belial attempted to fracture the army. Their proposed division was not military strategy. It was an assertion that the two groups were no longer the same army. That what had happened at Besor had created a permanent distinction between those who counted and those who did not.

David's ruling did not just settle a dispute about the distribution of spoil. It defined, for all subsequent generations of Israel's military history, the principle on which the covenant community operates: they shall part alike. The army is the army — faint and fighting, pursuing and stationed, front line and supply line — and its victories belong to all of it.

> "And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day." - 1 Samuel 30:25.

What the Unparalleled Army Learns from the Full Company

The Unparalleled Army — the Church of God in Christ Jesus' stead — is constituted on precisely this principle.

She is not a collection of individual merit-earners competing for God's allocation of blessing based on their level of visible contribution. She is a body. And in a body, the member that seems less prominent is not less valued, and the member that is currently in a season of diminished capacity is not less part of the victory when it comes **(1 Corinthians 12:22–26).**

The men of Belial represent a spirit that has always sought entry into the Unparalleled Army — the spirit that measures belonging by performance, that creates a hierarchy of worth based on visible output, that is willing to send the faint away with the minimum and call it fair. David's response to that spirit was not negotiation. It was a verdict — a non-negotiable ruling that became the law of the army from that day forward.

DAVID'S STATUTE FOR THE UNPARALLELED ARMY: They shall part alike. The victory of the body belongs to the whole body. The faint at the brook and the fighters at the front are the same army, under the same Commander, pursuing the same recovery — and they share equally in what God gives.

- Unity is not uniformity. The four hundred and the two hundred were not doing the same thing at the same time. Their capacity and their assignment in that season were different. But they were the same army. Unity in the Unparalleled Army does not require everyone to be at the same stage or operating at the same level. It requires every member to be valued and covered as a full participant.
- The spirit of Belial has no standing in the Unparalleled Army. The men of Belial are identified by name in the text. Their spirit — the spirit that withholds, divides, and creates a hierarchy of the worthy — is named as wicked. The Unparalleled Army that is Loving, Glorious, Militant, and Triumphant does not operate from that spirit. She operates from the statute of David: they shall part alike.

Recovery is total or it is incomplete. David recovered all. Not most. Not the majority. All. The Egyptian servant's intelligence led the army to the precise location of the Amalekite camp, and the pursuit was thorough and complete. The Unparalleled Army does not settle for partial recovery. She pursues until all that the adversary has taken is returned in full — for the God who says 'pursue' is also the God who says 'thou shalt without doubt recover all'.

Selah — Pause and Think

Three groups. One chapter. One God who sees all three with equal clarity and care. The people of Ziklag bear the cost of the unguarded moment and teach the Unparalleled Army to cover what it loves. The two hundred at the brook bear the weight of genuine depletion and teach the army that the faint are not the failed. And the full company of six hundred — divided and then reunited by a single ruling from their commander — teach the army that its victories belong to all of it, equally, by the statute of God.

Every member of the Unparalleled Army will pass through each of these positions at some point in the course of a life lived in Christ Jesus' stead. There will be a Ziklag moment — when you come home to find what you left unguarded has been raided. There will be a Besor moment — when your body or your spirit will not carry you across the brook, and all you can do is hold the supplies and wait. And there will be a full-company moment — when the question of how the army treats its own will reveal exactly what kind of army you are.

In all three — God's instruction remains the same. Strengthen yourself in the Lord your God (1 Samuel 30:6). Enquire of the Lord (1 Samuel 30:8). Pursue. And thou shalt without doubt recover all.

"And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt without doubt recover all." - 1 Samuel 30:8.

III

AFFIRMATIONS

I AM THE UNPARALLELED ARMY

Declare these aloud. Let the Word take root. Stand in who you are.

- I am the Unparalleled Army - the Church of God in Christ Jesus' stead, set apart for His glory and praise. - Psalms 4:3; 1 Corinthians 10:32.
- I am superior to every force and power known or yet to be known. My Commandant rules and reigns supreme in the heavenly, beneath the earth, and upon the earth. - Ephesians 1:21–23.
- I am Spirit-filled, Word-filled, Love-filled, Hope-filled, and Faith-filled. The Greater One lives in me and works through me. - 1 John 4:4; Romans 5:5.
- I am Loving and Lovely. Faith working through love is the mark and manner of my life. - Galatians 5:6; 1 John 4:7.
- I am Glorious and Spotless - presented to Christ without spot or wrinkle, holy and blameless in Him. - Ephesians 5:26–27.
- I am a Militant Soldier. My weapons are not physical - they are divinely powerful for the pulling down of every stronghold. - 2 Corinthians 10:3–4; Ephesians 6:10.
- I am Triumphant and Triumphing. God always causes me to triumph in Christ in every place. - 2 Corinthians 2:14.
- I am Victorious. I am an Overcomer. Whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world - and I am born of God. - 1 John 5:4–5.
- I am More Than a Conqueror through Him that loved me. Nothing - no tribulation, no distress, no peril - separates me from the love of God in Christ Jesus. - Romans 8:37–39.
- I am a Heavenly Ambassador. I represent the Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus in every space I occupy. - 2 Corinthians 5:20.
- I am Emboldened and Fearless. God has not given me a spirit of fear - but of power, of love, and of a sound mind. - 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18.
- I am built on God's holiness and righteousness in Christ Jesus. I am the righteousness of God in Him. - 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 1:30.
- I hold the mystery of faith in a pure conscience. My faith is the mystery of my victory - my today and my tomorrow. - 1 Timothy 3:9; Habakkuk 2:4.
- I speak the truth in love. I do not hold the truth in unrighteousness. I am not double-tongued. - Ephesians 4:15; Romans 1:18.

AFFIRMATIONS

- I guard what I love. I guard what is behind me as I advance. I leave nothing unguarded that the adversary can raid. - 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Samuel 30:8.
- When I am faint at the brook, I am not dismissed. I hold my position and receive my full portion when the victory comes. - 1 Samuel 30:24.
- I pursue. I recover all. I do not settle for partial recovery. God said pursue - and I shall without doubt recover all. - 1 Samuel 30:8.
- I am fit for the field - in body, in mind, and in spirit. I present myself to God as a vessel of honour, prepared for every good work. - Romans 12:1; 2 Timothy 2:21.
- I am not limited by geography, culture, tongue, colour, or status. I am the Church of God - beyond every wall, border, and nation. - Galatians 3:28; Revelation 5:9–10.
- I am the Unparalleled Army. I am Loving. I am Glorious. I am Militant. I am Triumphant. I am in Christ Jesus' stead - and this is who I am. - Ephesians 3:20–21.

EDITION QUIZ

Soldier, How Well Do You Know Your Brief?

A comprehensive quiz drawn strictly from the Unparalleled Army special edition - theme scriptures, articles, and featured content

Field orders: Choose the best answer for each question. Answers and explanations are provided at the end. No peeking at the debrief until you have completed all ten.

REMEMBER YOUR ORDERS

Q1. According to 1 Corinthians 10:32, the Apostle Paul identifies three distinct groups to whom no offence should be given. Which of the following correctly lists all three?

A. Jews, Samaritans, and the Church of God
B. Jews, Greeks, and the Church of God
C. Gentiles, Romans, and the Church of God
D. Jews, Greeks, and the disciples of Christ

Q2. The edition identifies five present-tense endowments that characterise the Unparalleled Army as the Church of God. Which of the following correctly lists all five?

A. Spirit-filled, Prayer-filled, Word-filled, Hope-filled, and Faith-filled
B. Spirit-filled, Word-filled, Love-filled, Hope-filled, and Faith-filled
C. Spirit-filled, Truth-filled, Love-filled, Joy-filled, and Faith-filled
D. Power-filled, Word-filled, Love-filled, Peace-filled, and Faith-filled

Q3. In Jeremiah 51:20–23, God addresses the Unparalleled Army with a specific designation. What does He call her?

A. My sword and shield
B. My vessel and instrument
C. My battle axe and weapons of war
D. My rod and my staff

Q4. The edition draws a critical distinction between 'believing' and 'faith'. Which statement best captures the author's position?

A. Believing and faith are interchangeable terms with no meaningful distinction

B. Faith is passive and internal; believing is active and outward
C. Believing is the passive inner reception of the Word; faith is the active, corresponding action taken upon that believing
D. Faith comes first and produces believing as a secondary response

Q5. The article on 'Not Holding the Truth in Unrighteousness' draws on Romans 1:18. What does the author identify as the specific danger named in that verse?

A. Preaching the Gospel for financial gain
B. Holding the truth in unrighteousness - possessing the Word of God but living or proclaiming it in a manner that contradicts its standard
C. Refusing to preach to Gentiles
D. Denying the resurrection of Christ Jesus

Q6. William Tyndale was executed in 1536. According to the edition's account, what was the specific charge for which he was condemned?

A. Translating the Bible into German and distributing it across Europe
B. Preaching against the authority of the Pope in public gatherings
C. Believing in the forgiveness of sins and that the mercy offered in the Gospel of Christ Jesus was sufficient for salvation
D. Refusing to attend the established church services of his day

Q7. In 1 Samuel 30, David and his army returned to Ziklag to find it burned and their families taken. What was the primary reason Ziklag was vulnerable to the Amalekite raid?

A. David had made a treaty with the Amalekites that he subsequently broke
B. The army had left Ziklag without a garrison - it was unguarded while they marched north with the Philistines
C. The people of Ziklag had rebelled against David's authority and removed their own protection
D. God had removed His protection from Ziklag because of David's disobedience at that time

Q8. Of the six hundred men who reached Ziklag, two hundred could not continue the pursuit at the brook Besor. What did David rule regarding their portion of the recovered spoil?

A. They would receive half the spoil, since they completed half the journey
B. They would receive only their wives and children, and nothing else

C. They would share equally with those who fought - they shall part alike
D. They would receive the spoil only if they had stayed at Besor by direct order

Q9. The Health & Wellness column identifies the adversary's primary avenue of attack on the Unparalleled Army. Which of the following correctly states what that primary target is?

A. The believer's finances and material provision
B. The believer's family relationships and community
C. The believer's faith - because if the faith is devoured, everything else collapses with it
D. The believer's physical health and bodily strength

Q10. Psalms 110:3 is one of the anchor scriptures of this edition. Which affirmation from the one-page declarations most directly reflects its language?

A. "I am built on God's holiness and righteousness in Christ Jesus"
B. "I am a Heavenly Ambassador. I represent the Kingdom of God in every space I occupy"
C. "I am the Unparalleled Army - set apart for His glory and praise"
D. "I pursue. I recover all. I do not settle for partial recovery"

DEBRIEF: ANSWERS & EXPLANATIONS

Q1. Answer: B - Jews, Greeks, and the Church of God

Paul's precise grouping in 1 Corinthians 10:32 places the Church of God as a distinct third category alongside Jews and Greeks - a theological statement about her singular standing in the purposes of God. (1 Corinthians 10:32; Theme Introduction, Article One).

Q2. Answer: B - Spirit-filled, Word-filled, Love-filled, Hope-filled, and Faith-filled

The edition identifies these five as the present-tense endowments of the Unparalleled Army, described as efficacious because of the effectual working of the Holy Spirit by the Word of God into the very being of the Church. (Theme Introduction, Article One; Romans 5:5).

Q3. Answer: C – My battle axe and weapons of war

Jeremiah 51:20–23 opens the doctrinal cornerstone's first article. God's declaration establishes that the Church is not merely enrolled in an army - she is the weapon itself, the vessel through which God's purposes are enacted in the earth. (Jeremiah 51:20; Section 3, Article One).

Q4. Answer: C - Believing is passive; faith is the active corresponding action

The edition draws this distinction consistently: believing is the inner, receptive posture of the heart toward the Word; faith is what moves and acts upon that believing. You must believe first for faith to be activated - and faith is always present-tense and active. (Section 3, Article One; Mark 11:20–24).

Q5. Answer: B - Holding the truth in unrighteousness

Romans 1:18 names the specific danger as possessing the truth of God's Word while living or proclaiming it in a manner that contradicts its standard. The article extends this to include preaching one standard while privately maintaining another, and diluting the Gospel to suit the sentiments of the day. (Romans 1:18; Section 3, Article Two).

Q6. Answer: C - Believing in the forgiveness of sins and the sufficiency of the Gospel's mercy

This is the specific charge recorded in the edition's account of Tyndale. He was not condemned merely for translation but for the theological convictions that drove it - convictions that the Unparalleled Army still holds today. (Section 3, Article Three; Acts 20:28).

Q7. Answer: B - Ziklag was left without a garrison while the army marched north

The edition frames the Ziklag incident as a tactical error: the army went to war on another front without securing what was behind them. The adversary does not attack where strength is concentrated - he probes for what has been left exposed. (1 Samuel 30:1–4; Bible Character Spotlight, Angle One).

Q8. Answer: C - They shall part alike

David's ruling overturned the men of Belial's objection with a single theological truth: the spoil was what 'the Lord hath given us'. It was not the four hundred's military achievement. David made this an ordinance for Israel from that day forward. (1 Samuel 30:23–25; Bible Character Spotlight, Angle Two).

Q9. Answer: C - The believer's faith

The Health & Wellness column establishes this clearly: the adversary's primary intent is not after money, family, career, or ministry. His singular aim is the faith - because faith is the only divinely-installed mechanism that overcomes the world's systems and activates redemption in human experience. (Health & Wellness Column; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Timothy 6:12).

Q10. Answer: C - "I am the Unparalleled Army - set apart for His glory and praise"

Psalms 110:3 speaks of a people who are willing in the day of God's power, in the beauties of holiness. The affirmation that most directly reflects this language of being set apart for His glory and praise is Affirmation declaration 01, which draws from both Psalms 4:3 and 1 Corinthians 10:32 (Psalms 110:3; Psalms 4:3; Affirmations).

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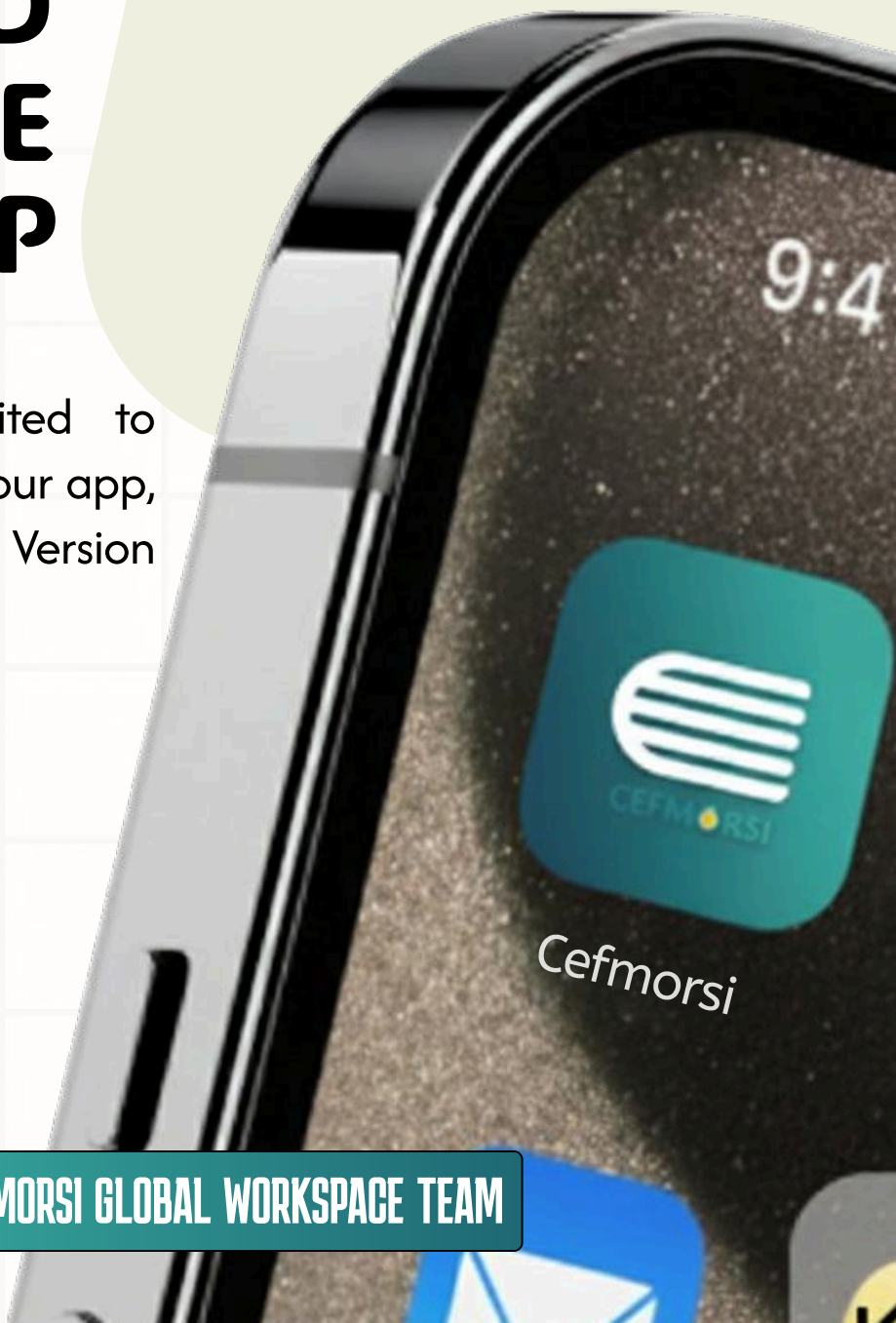
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