

current sermon series

BATTLING UNBELIEF

The background of the image is a close-up, high-angle shot of a medieval knight. The knight is wearing chainmail armor and a surcoat. They are holding a sword in their right hand, with the blade pointing downwards and to the right. A shield is visible in the lower right corner, partially obscured by the knight's arm. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a somber and intense atmosphere. The text 'BATTLING UNBELIEF' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font, centered on the image.

Ephesians 4:26-5:2

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:26-5:2

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

James 4:1-10

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

James 4:1-10

³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:1-10

⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he

James 4:1-10

will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

James 4:1-10

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.



Romans 12:17-21

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Romans 12:17-21

²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 Peter 2:18-24

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure?

1 Peter 2:18-24

But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

1 Peter 2:18-24

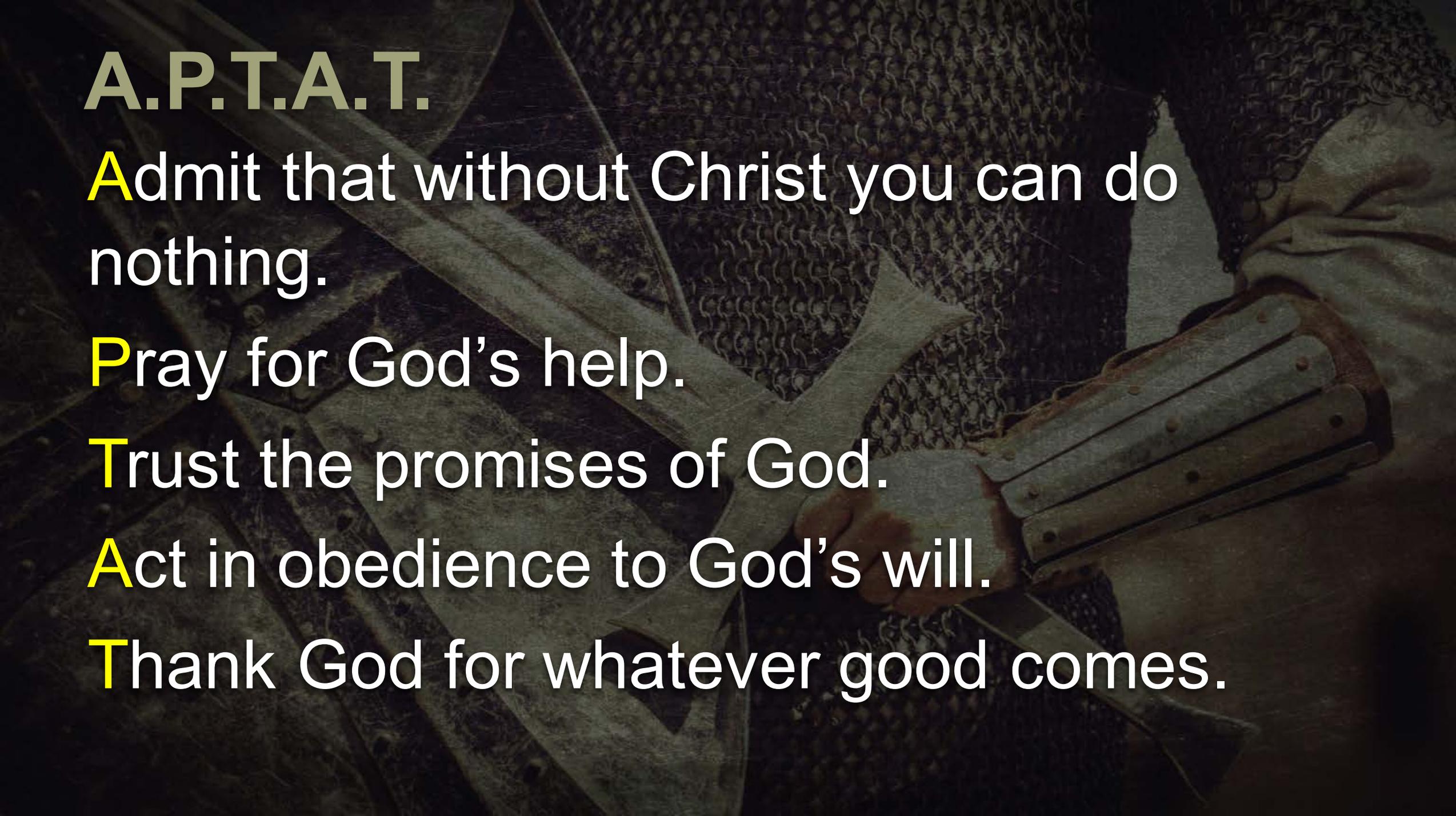
²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Matthew 6:11-15

Give us this day our daily bread,¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:11-15

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their
trespasses, neither will your Father forgive
your trespasses.

A knight in chainmail armor is shown from the chest up, holding a sword. The knight is wearing a chainmail coif and a wooden arm guard on their right arm. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a battlefield or a medieval setting.

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Admit that without Christ you can do nothing.

Pray for God's help.

Trust the promises of God.

Act in obedience to God's will.

Thank God for whatever good comes.

Colossians 3:12-14

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:12-14

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

