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Name some of the ways Paul says he is persecuted.

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What's the purpose of the armor of God?

Can you share some practical ways that the spiritual armor of God has helped you to stand firm in the face of persecution/doubt/disbelief?

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Did the disciples pray that their road would be easy, that they would stay healthy and God would bless them?

What did they ask of God?

Does that differ from our typical prayers?

How can we learn to pray more like the disciples in Acts 4?

6. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

How is this a bold prayer?

How does it differ from our typical prayers?

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