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• Aware of the ______we are in. (Be watchful)

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Ephesians 6:10-13 (NCV)

• Rooted in _____. (Stand firm in the faith)

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

Ephesians 4:14 (NLT)

• Strength _____. (Act like men, be strong)

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1 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)

• Led by _____. (Let all that you do be done with love)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

- 1. In what ways have you noticed spiritual battles or challenges in your life recently? How are you being called to "be watchful" in this season?
- 2. What voices or teachings have influenced you lately, and how can you discern whether they align with God's truth?
- 3. Reflect on a time when you responded with strength that was under control. How has your understanding of maturity in Christ grown over time?
- 4. In what specific areas of your life is God inviting you to grow in love? How can you integrate love more intentionally into your daily actions and relationships as a way of becoming more Christlike?

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