

# WALKING WITH JESUS

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IN THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

# Ephesians 6:11

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- “Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

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1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. GALATIANS 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. COLOSSIANS 3:14 ” And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. MARK 16:15 “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

# OUR STRUCTURE:

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1. CONTINUE TO PREACH THE WORD OF GOD. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
2. CONTINUE TO TEACH TO PRAY. LUKE 11:1 “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

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## 3. CONTINUE TO TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBORS.

MARK 12:30-31 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>31</sup> The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>[g]</sup> There is no commandment greater than these.”

## 4. CONTINUE TO TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES. MATTHEW 28:19-20.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## TEXT: Ephesians 6:16

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- “In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

# Title: The Importance of the Shield.

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- Introduction: Every believer is involved in a spiritual battle. Whether we recognize it or not, the enemy continually attacks the mind, heart, faith, and confidence of God's people. These attacks come through fear, doubt, temptation, discouragement, confusion, and lies. Because of these spiritual battles, God has not left believers defenseless. He has provided spiritual armor for protection and victory.

# INTRODUCTION

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- In the Epistle to the Ephesians chapter 6, the apostle Paul describes the whole armor of God. Among all the pieces of armor, he says, “Above all, taking the shield of faith.” This shows the great importance of faith in the life of a believer.
- The Roman shield was large enough to protect the entire body. Soldiers depended on it during battle because it could stop arrows, spears, and flaming darts from the enemy. In the same way, the shield of faith protects the believer from the attacks of Satan.

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- When doubt comes, faith stands on God's promises. When fear arises, faith trusts God's power. When trials come, faith refuses to give up.
- The shield of faith is more than positive thinking or human confidence. It is complete trust in God, His Word, His promises, and His faithfulness. Faith becomes the believer's protection against the enemy's lies and attacks.
- Today many believers are wounded spiritually not because God failed them, but because they lowered their shield. God called His people to take up the shield daily, stand firm in the battle, and trust Him in every circumstances.

# INTRODUCTION

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- As we study the shield of faith, we will discover:
- \*What faith truly is;
- \*How the enemy attacks;
- \*How faith protects us;
- \*How we can strengthen our shield for daily victory.

# WHAT IS THE SHIELD OF FAITH?

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- I. THE SHIELD OF FAITH IS TRUST IN GOD. PROVERBS 3:5-6.
- “Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
6 in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

# WHAT IS THE SHIELD OF FAITH?

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- A. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart”
- \*This means wholehearted trust-not partial trust.
- \*God calls us to trust Him fully:
  - -In Times of blessing, In Times of hardship, In decisions about family, work, ministry, and the future.
- Faith says, I may not understand everything, but I trust God.

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- B. "Lean not unto thine understanding."
- \*God is not saying that thinking is wrong. Rather He is warning us not to make our own understanding our ultimate authority. Why?
- Because our understanding is: Limited, Imperfect, Influence by emotions and circumstances.

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C. Faith means depending on God even when circumstances are difficult.

- A. Abraham: Often called the father of faith, he trusted God's promise to make him into a great nation and left his homeland without knowing where he was going. He even trusted God enough to offer his son Isaac on the altar, believing God could provide or raise him up.

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- B. Joseph: Trusting that God was with him, he maintained his faith and character through betrayal, being sold to slavery in Egypt, and unjust imprisonment before rising to save his family.

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- C. David: As a shepherd boy, he trusted God to defeat the giant Goliath. Throughout his turbulent life and reign, he wrote in the Psalms of relying on God's unfailing love even when hiding from enemies or dealing with immense personal failure.

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- The shield of faith always says:
- God is faithful, God will provide, God will protect, God is with me, God keeps His promises.
- “FAITH DOES NOT TRUST FEELINGS- IT TRUSTS GOD.”
- ”THE HYMN SAYS ; “TRUST AND OBEY FOR THERES NO OTHER WAY, TO BE HAPPY IN JESUS BUT TO TRUST AND OBEY”.

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- The shield of faith is:
  - 1. Trust God completely. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.”
  - 2. Reject self-reliance. “Lean not unto thine own understanding.”
  - 3. Include God in everything. “I all thy ways acknowledge Him”
  - 4. Receive God’s direction. “He shall direct thy path.”

# WHAT IS THE SHIELD OF FAITH?

- II. THE SHIELD OF FAITH IS CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD. ROMANS 10:17.
- A. Faith comes from hearing the message.
- “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”
- “When the enemy sends lies, fear, or doubt, believer answer with God's truth.”

## B. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood

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- Ephesians 6:12
- “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

## C. Jesus encountered Temptation

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- Matthew 4:4 -10

- “Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

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- “<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’<sup>[d]</sup>” <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”
- <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’<sup>[e]</sup>”

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- After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was tempted by the devil. Each temptation was an attempt to draw Him away from complete obedience to God. Jesus answered every temptation with Scripture, showing that victory comes through God's Word.
- Lessons from Jesus' Response:
  1. We must know the Word of God.
  2. We must believe the Word of God.
  3. We must obey the Word of God.
  4. We must know how to use the Word of God against temptation.

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- III. THE SHIELD OF FAITH IS PRAYER. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7
- “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

# WHAT IS THE SHIELD OF FAITH?

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- **A. Prayer keeps alive and active.** “Do not be anxious about anything”
- **B. Prayer strengthens dependence on God.** “by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
- **C. Prayer guards the heart and mind.** “the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

# CONCLUSION

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# CONCLUSION

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- THE SHIELD OF FAITH IS NOT BUILT OVERNIGHT. IT IS FORMED THROUGH:
  - 1. TRUSTING GOD DAILY.
  - 2. TRUSTING GOD'S WORD DAILY.
  - 3. TRUSTING GOD BY PRAYING DAILY.