

## Bible study for the week starting August 27, 2023

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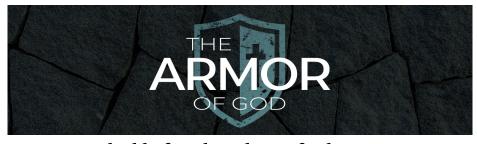
This week we focused on two pieces of armor: the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation. Faith and salvation themes fill the Bible literally from cover to cover. To begin our study, take turns sharing your faith or salvation stories. You may want to take a few minutes before sharing to jot a few notes down. This will give opportunity to truly listen to the stories being shared.

## **READ/STUDY/DISCUSS**

- Read Ephesians 6:10-18a (again!). If someone has a hymnal, read outloud the verses of "A Mighty Fortress is our God" (LSB #656 or 657). Discuss how the message of this hymn copares with the Paul's message in this passage.
- 2. Romans 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (ESV). What does that passsage mean to you? Describe some of the ways people "hear" the word of Christ. What are some of the ways that have brought faith to you?
- 3. Read **Isaiah 12:1-7.** The previous chapter (Is. 11) speaks about a time when there shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. This figurative language speaks of the coming of Jesus, and the salvation He brings not only to His people Israel, but to Gentile peoples as well. Chapter 12 contains a song declaring what God has done. How are you a fulfillment of that song? In what ways does the story in the song overlap with your personal story?
- 4. Discuss what the words "God is my salvation" mean. How did God become our salvation? What reminders has God given us to help us remember this?
- 5. Read **Matthew 28:16-20**. Note that v. 17 contains the clause "but some doubted." It has been suggested that the original language carries the meaning that <u>all</u> doubted. Imagine if you were one of the disciples there. What would you want to hear from Jesus to allay any doubts you might have?

## PRAY

Pray through each of the pieces of armor as they relate to your faith walk. Thank Jesus that He is the One who covers you with His protection.



Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation Ephesians 6:10-18a August 27, 2023 – Pastor Marvin St. Pierre

Faith is effective against the devil's schemes only when faith is <u>IN JESUS</u>.

When we put our faith in Jesus, we are putting our faith in the <u>PERSON</u> of ultimate authority.

"Faith <u>ANTICIPATES</u> Jesus <u>INTERVENTION</u> in every situation." – L. Olgivie

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be <u>SAVED</u>. (Romans 10:9)

- ... JESUS, You are my Truth!
- ... JESUS, You are my Righteousness!
- ... JESUS, You are my Readiness and my Peace!
- ... JESUS, You are my Faith!
- ... JESUS, You are my Salvation!