

BATTLE READY: Stand Your Ground (Part Four)

The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16

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Above all, lift up the protective shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (v. 16 AMP)

WHAT IS IT?

Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. (Isaiah 50:10)

Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen (the conviction of their reality – faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses). For by this kind of faith the men of old gained divine approval. (Hebrews 11:1-2 AMP)

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one... (v. 16)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith... (1 Peter 5:8-9)

HOW DO I TAKE IT UP?

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up... (James 5:15)

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak... (2 Corinthians 4:13)

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:17)

WHY IS IT SO HARD?

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (James 1:5-8)

NEXT WEEK: BATTLE READY - The Helmet of Salvation
(Ephesians 6:17)

TRAIN READING PLAN: May 20-26

-Acts 8

-Psalm 52; Acts 9

-Psalm 53; Acts 10

-Psalm 54; Acts 11

-Psalm 55; Acts 12

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