

8-06-2023 - Raise Up Your Shield of Faith! Eph. 6:16

Wk5 - SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Notes:

Ephesians 6:13–16

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able TO STAND your ground, and after you have done everything...
STAND

¹⁴ STAND FIRM then, with the BELT OF TRUTH buckled around your waist, with THE BREAST-PLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS in place,

¹⁵ and with your FEET FITTED WITH THE READINESS THAT COMES FROM THE GOSPEL OF PEACE (shoes of peace).

¹⁶ In addition to all this, TAKE UP THE SHIELD OF FAITH, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

The SHIELD of FAITH is your first line of PROTECTION against the attacks of the ENEMY.

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FAITH

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Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is *confidence* in what we hope for and *assurance* about what we do not see."

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Biblical Faith - "Pistis" (appears 240 times in the New Testament.) = ACTING ON THE TRUTH.

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Faith is NOT Feelings

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2 Corinthians 5:7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

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A.W. Tozer--

"Any faith that must be supported by the evidence of the senses is not REAL faith."

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"PUT ON" = always needed.

"TAKE UP!" = as needed!

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Faith is a protective barrier between us and the attacks of Satan!

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KEYS OF THE SHIELD OF FAITH:

#1 - Faith must be received

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Romans 10:17 - Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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Isaiah 55:11 - so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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#2 - Faith must grow!

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James 2:17 - ...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

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2 Thes. 1:3 - We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more

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QUESTION: When was the last time you exercised your faith?

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#3 - Faith must be activated!

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Activate your faith by speaking God's word.

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2 Corinthians 4:13 - It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,

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Joshua 24:15 - As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

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Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way they should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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Phil. 1:6 - Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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Isaiah 53:5 - But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was on him (Jesus) and by his wounds we are healed.

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Psalm 107:20 - He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

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Isaiah 26:3 - You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

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Matthew 6:26-27 - Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

Isaiah 54:17 - NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST YOU WILL PROSPER!

1 Cor. 15:57 - But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus!

1 Cor. 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Activate your faith by surrounding yourself with people of faith.

Activate your faith by keeping your eyes on Jesus!

Heb. 12:2 - Fixing your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God!