

# Call of Duty Pt 7 “Take Up the Shield of Faith”

*Main theme: Believers must actively pick up and dip their faith in the Holy Spirit, standing shoulder-to-shoulder as a communal shield to extinguish fear, doubt, and every fiery dart of the enemy.*

## Opening/Worship (00:00–01:27)

- Greeting and expression of gratitude for God’s presence.
- Purpose stated: a message to help and encourage listeners.

## Introduction: You are a Soldier in God’s Army (01:28–02:48)

- Call to spiritual readiness and personal responsibility.
- Key Scripture introduced: Ephesians 6 (context of the armor of God).

## Overview of the Armor (02:48–05:14)

- Recap of belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, and shoes prepared with the gospel of peace.
- Distinction between items we “put on” and items we must actively “take up.”

## Main Focus — The Shield of Faith (05:14–11:02)

- Text focus: Ephesians 6:16 — “Above all, take up the shield of faith.”
- Importance emphasized: “above all” signals priority.
- Definition of faith given: complete trust and confidence in God.

## Historical Illustration: Roman Shield (08:14–10:06)

- Physical description: size, wood layers (like plywood), canvas covering, company markings.

- Tactical practice: dipping shield in water so flaming arrows would be extinguished.
- Application: dip faith in the Spirit to make it effective against “fiery darts.”

## Faith in Everyday Life (11:02–13:31)

- Practical examples of everyday faith: lights, driving, trusting pilots, roller coasters.
- Point: we practice faith regularly; biblical faith is trusting God when you can’t see the outcome.

## Biblical Example: Fig Tree & Jesus’ Teaching (14:54–18:06)

- Mark 11 story: Jesus curses the fig tree; disciples later see it withered.
- Jesus’ response: “Have faith in God” — faith has power to affect results.

## The Enemy’s Darts and How Faith Responds (18:26–24:03)

- Types of darts: fear, doubt, confusion, lies.
- How the shield functions: faith says “I trust God” and stops these attacks.
- Need to dip faith in the Holy Spirit for true protection.

## Community Strategy: The Shield Wall (20:28–21:29)

- Roman “tortoise” formation: shields locked together to form an impenetrable wall.
- Application: believers standing shoulder-to-shoulder build communal protection.
- Call to mutual support — don’t fight alone.

## Exhortation and Practical Call to Action (25:50–30:26)

- Don’t leave faith at home; actively pick up the shield each day.
- Invitation to renew faith, be encouraged, and come forward for prayer.
- Final challenge: dip your dry shield in the Spirit and stand with the church.

## Key Scripture References

- Ephesians 6:10–18 (armor of God)
- Mark 11 (fig tree / “have faith in God”)