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# POWERFUL ARMOR OF GOD

## Shield of Faith

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**God has provided all we need to FIGHT SPIRITUAL BATTLES in life**

 [ Ephesians 6.10-12 NIV ]

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 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.*



### GOAL OF DEVIL AND DEMONS ATTACKS

Keep God's good:

Purposes, Will, Provisions, Blessings from **being Manifested in YOUR life**

God does not leave us as VICTIMS.... He provides ALL we need

 [ Ephesians 6.13-16 NIV ]

*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, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel 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.*

**Today we are introduced to next piece of Armor... SHIELD OF FAITH**

- Actually.... **FAITH** is the Shield
- Notice we are told to **"Take up"** the shield of Faith..... **Our Responsibility**
  - Many ask for food.... receive it then won't eat
  - We wait for God to FEED US....
  - God says... *"I provided the food, now FEED YOURSELF"*

Want to clarify FAITH....



## FAITH IS ACTING ON THE TRUTH

- If you don't ACT on the Truth.... or KNOW the Truth....  
then Faith is a meaningless... Just TALK
- Why bible says... *Faith without WORKS is DEAD!!! - James 2*

### In Order to have Faith we have to Find the TRUTH

- If you are not interested in discovering God's View on a matter (TRUTH).....  
Forget talking about FAITH
- Spiritual Faith is ONLY FAITH when it's tethered to the TRUTH

### Faith is "Acting like God is telling the Truth"

- It's only when we don't believe a person that we will NOT do what they say

Also...

- Many Christians Don't connect their Faith to God's TRUTH and get... NOTHING
  - Wonder why nothing is happening
  - So they look for MORE FAITH...

### CAN WE SEE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD???

### Let me tell you what FAITH is NOT (necessarily NOT)

- Faith is NOT FEELINGS

- You can feel full of Faith and have no faith
- Faith is NOT BASED on HOW YOU FEEL....
  
- Our Feelings are driven by Circumstances.....  
We feel based on how things are going
  
- I'm glad my Faith is NOT tied to my feelings....  
Cause Faith would be up and down as feelings

## LET'S GET FEELINGS OUT OF DEFINITION OF FAITH

### Faith is Acting on the TRUTH...

- wether I FEEL the Truth or not....
- wether I LIKE the Truth or not....
- wether I AGREE with the Truth or not....

....**FAITH is ACTING** on it!!!

- We will always be confused if Faith depends on feelings

(STORY: Luke 5 )

- Jesus asked Peter if he caught anything
- Jesus told him to *"Go to deeper waters and cast out net"*
  1. Fished all night.... doesn't make sense
  2. Fish are here closer to shore... not where fish are

*"Stick to preaching, I'll fish"*

- Peter **DOESN'T FEEL** like it makes sense
- **PAST EXPERIENCE** tells him doesn't make sense

*" BUT... Just because you said it... even though I don't think you know what you're talking about.... I will "*

*"I'm going to **ACT** on what YOU SAID... even though my feelings says otherwise"*



## THIS IS LIFE TRANSFORMING CHURCH!!!!!!

- In spite of..... WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED....  
HISTORY / BACKGROUND / EDUCATION / your own THINKING....

.....**If we just do WHAT GOD SAYS.....**

**We would discover God is GOD!!!**

- Discover God still performs Miracles
- The Supernatural is alive and well

- We NEED to know the TRUTH so we can ACT on it!!!!
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*\*(Faith is Acting on the Truth)*

## Faith does not MAKE GOD MOVE

- Otherwise we would look for MORE Faith.... We DON'T NEED MORE FAITH
- We have all the Faith we are going to need  
*"Faith of a mustard seed, we can move mountains"*

## We DON'T need more faith.... We need more TRUTH!

Put a little bit of Faith in a whole bunch of Truth.... is all you need!

- **Faith DOES NOT get God to move**  
**What Faith does is ACCESS what God has already done**
  - Faith is the point of Access... not point of power
  - Power is in what God has already DONE
  - Faith withdraws what God has already Deposited

( Woman with blood issue *“Daughter, your faith has made you whole”* )

**Stop looking for more Faith....**

**Act on what God has already said... that’s all the faith you need**

- The moment you ACT... that’s all the Faith you need!

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## God wants us to have the SHIELD OF FAITH

Faith is our ACCESS Point...



[ Romans 5.1-2 NLT ]

*Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, (grace) and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.*

( Faith discovers the TRUTH and ACTS on it )

- Faith gives us ACCESS to Grace
  - Grace is where God has deposited EVERYTHING He is going to Do for us
  - Our problem is NOT Getting... It is ACCESSING
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**FAITH** (If you want it to be Real) **CANNOT BE LIMITED BY 5 SENSES**

- We are talking about accessing the INVISIBLE REALM... not the Visible

## - The Spiritual Realm



[ Hebrews 11.1 NKJV ]

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

*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]. -AMP*

- If you can see it it's not Faith
- It is SUBSTANCE... (**REAL** even though it's in the spiritual realm)
- There's EVIDENCE... (provable)
- But it's NOT YET SEEM!



**Point of FAITH...** *Grab something from UNSEEN Realm and Bring it to the Seem realm*

- Victory over satan and sin
- Healing / Miracles / Overcoming the world / Bringing God's Kingdom and WILL here on earth

**Why do I need Faith???** ( Acting like God is telling the Truth )

Acting like it is so... Even when it's not so... In order that it might be so... Simply because God said so

God tells us to PICK UP the SHIELD OF FAITH

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

Reason you pick up Shield of Faith...

- It can handle ANYTHING thrown your way....
- It protects us from FLAMING ARROWS
- Fiery arrows are meant to DISMANTLE you so you 'll be open for everything else devil wants to shoot at you
- Shield of Faith is POWERFUL....  
Because it reaches into GRACE and ACCESSES GOD at a whole other level

When the day of evil come..... PICK UP THE SHIELD OF FAITH



[ 1 John 5.4 NLT ]

*For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.*

Our Victory in this world is through Faith in what God says on any subject  
(ACTING ON THE TRUTH)



( TITLE SLIDE ) CLOSING.....

OUR ENEMY IS SHOOTING HIS FIERY ARROWS AT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

- Maybe it Jobless FIRES....  
(What's the TRUTH?? God wants us to work)
- Emotional depression and anxiousness FIRES....

**BIBLE:** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

- Relational FIRES with your spouse or family....

**BIBLE:** - *Honor your Father and Mother*  
 - *Don't be yoke to unbelievers*  
 - *Love your neighbor as yourself*

- Sin or Temptation FIRES: - *Pray so you will not fall victim to temptation*  
 - *Flee youthful lusts and pursue righteousness*

**WHATEVER THE FIRE HAPPENS TO BE... FAITH CAN PUT IT OUT**

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( TESTIMONY OF HEALING.... Shelly Gibson )

( STORY: Smith Wiggelsworth praying for woman to be healed...  
 She believed but no manifestation till she prayed for doubting friends )

( OFFER PRAYER )