



Day 4 (9/30/23): THE SHIELD OF FAITH

The Roman shield of the time was called a scutum.[SKYOO] + [TUHM] This type of shield was as large as a door and would cover the warrior entirely. Such a shield was not just defensive but could also be used to push opponents. When fighting as a group, a body of troops could position their shields so as to form an enclosure around themselves, called a testudo (“tortoise”). This was especially helpful to protect against arrows launched from the walls of cities they were attacking. The shields were often made of wood and then covered in hide, and when wet, they could extinguish flaming arrows. Clearly, a shield is vitally important to a soldier. It provides a blanket of protection. It is meant to be taken up in all circumstances. It is the first barrier against the enemy’s attack.

Hebrews 11:6 stresses the importance of faith: “Without faith it is impossible to please God.” Satan’s attacks can sometimes cause us to doubt God. Faith prompts us to believe God. Faith reminds us that, though fulfillment of God’s promise may not be readily visible to us, God is true to His Word. When Satan attempts to plague us with doubt or entice us with instant gratification, faith recognizes the deceptiveness of his tactics and quickly extinguishes the arrows. When Satan accuses us, faith chooses to believe that Jesus has redeemed us and that there is no more condemnation (Romans 8:1, 34; Revelation 12:10–12).

Faith reveals a reliance on God. Faith is what you say you believe in action. It’s been said, faith is when “you act like God is telling you the truth.” Faith says less about you and more about what you really believe to be true about God.

Because God is faithful, you and I can have active faith. What God has called us to, He will equip us for. The enemy sends fiery arrows into your life to distract you.



Shield of Faith Scriptures

Eph. 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Rom. 10:10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Rom. 14:23b and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Gal. 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Eph. 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Heb. 10:22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

What is God saying to you through His Word? What does it mean to take up the shield of faith?

What is He calling you to confess? How is unbelief or a lack of faith allowing the enemy's arrows to pierce you? Receive the faith that is a gift of God from the Son who loved you and gave himself for you.

What do you want to ask God for regarding faith?

Pray for the WWWC Board to live by faith as they seek God's vision for the ministry. May they recognize His plan together and trust Him as they take steps to enact it. May they draw near to God and one another with sincere hearts and the full assurance that faith brings. Ask God to help them live out their faith with resolve and resilience. Pray for God to shower WWWC with the resources to sustain the ministry.