

Gear Up Part 5 - Sunday

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The Shield of Faith!

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Ephesians 6:16

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Ephesians 6:13, *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. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 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.*

Ephesians 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— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.*

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

What You Should Know About Your Shield of Faith:

- Your Shield of Faith Is **DEFENSIVE**

1 Peter 1:4, *...This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed... 9 for you are receiving the end result*

of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- **Your Shield of Faith Is COMMUNAL**

1 Timothy 6:12, *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

Romans 1:12, *...that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.*

- **Your Shield of Faith Is ACTIVE**

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

Hebrews 11:4, *By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did.*

- **Your Shield of Faith Will Be TESTED**

James 1:2, *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*

- **Your Shield of Faith Allows You to PLEASE GOD**

Hebrews 11:6, *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

1 Timothy 1:18, *Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.*