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A knight in ornate golden armor stands in the lower-left corner, holding a sword and a shield. The shield is being struck by a large, bright flame. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with swirling patterns and a white dove flying in the upper-left. The text is centered in the upper-right area.

Every Day we are to *take up*
our Shield of Faith to
Extinguish the Fiery Darts
from the Evil One.

On a daily basis these “**Fiery Darts**” can come from anywhere and everywhere, and especially from the ones closest to us.



Those closest to us often fire
the hottest darts, **speaking**
without thinking and causing
the most damage.



A knight in ornate golden armor is shown from the back, holding a shield that is engulfed in bright yellow and orange flames. The knight is positioned on the left side of the frame. The background is a textured, golden-brown surface with swirling, flame-like patterns. In the upper left corner, a white dove is flying. The overall scene is dramatic and fiery.

**What are fiery darts
(flaming arrows)?**

FIERY DARTS (FLAMING ARROWS)

*... above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the **fiery darts** of the wicked one. Ephesians 6:16 (NIV)*

- The insensitive un-discerned words encountered by others.
- Words spoken in “jest” or “mocking.”
- Arrogant words spoken in judgment, criticism or gossip.
- Words from others unaware from where they come (i.e. Peter’s rebuke)



FIERY DARTS (FLAMING ARROWS)

- *Biblical Example: When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane with His apostles explaining his upcoming death. Peter rebuked his words, saying, “This shall never happen to you, Lord”, and Christ said, “Get thee behind me Satan.” (Matthew 16:23, Mark 8:3, Luke 4:8) He was not calling Peter, “Satan”; He was referring to the words Peter spoke without thinking.*



FIERY DARTS (FLAMING ARROWS)

- *Those closest to us often fire the hottest darts, speaking without thinking and causing the most damage.*
- *Therefore, we hold up the shield of faith that quenches every fiery dart.*



FIERY DARTS (FLAMING ARROWS)

W.O.W. Word of Warning: Our own mouth can be used by the enemy as a fiery dart against someone else, or even ourself. We are to meditate on the Bible and, *“Learn to take every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ.”*



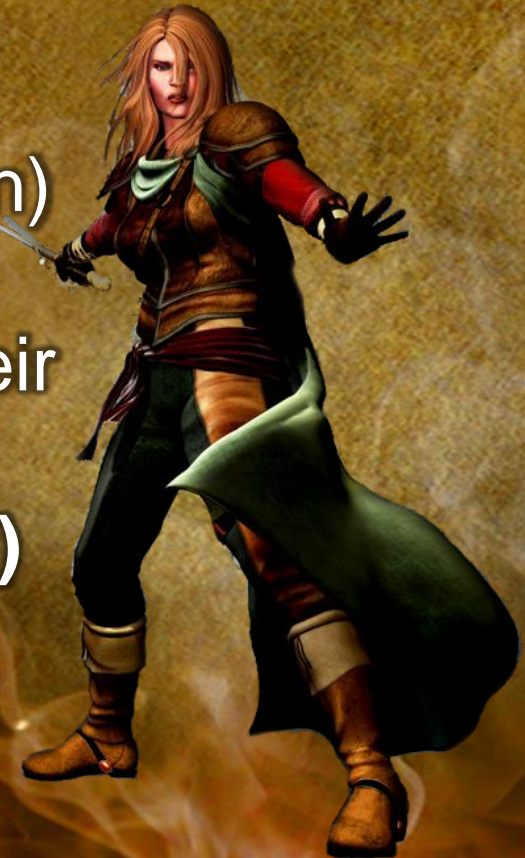
WHAT IS FAITH?



FAITH

In the Bible... the very center of all things

- **NOW FAITH** is the assurance (the confirmation) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. (**Hebrews 11:1 , AMP**)



FAITH

In the Bible... the very center of all things

- Story after story in the Bible of Faith – Hebrews 11 – Noah and the Ark, Abraham and Sarah receiving a child in old age, Joseph knowing he would rule over his brothers, Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness, David and Goliath, Peter, Paul, the Apostles, Ester, Mary, Naomi, Ruth, etc...



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

1. Day to Day Walk

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; Proverbs 3:5



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building the “**Faith muscles**” – like bodybuilding, accept Faith building.

a) No pain, no gain – God does not give us anymore than we can handle – but we invariably try to take control. It is a question of **SURRENDERING**.



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building the “**Faith muscles**” – like bodybuilding, accept Faith building.
 - b) Stay in the day to day – stay focused on what is right before you. Do not drift off with presumptions of what is going to happen in the future. Keep bringing whatever is on your heart to Christ throughout the day.



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

2. Building the “**Faith muscles**” – like bodybuilding, accept Faith building.
- c) The more you learn to trust Christ and the Holy Spirit in your life the more you will let go and let God.



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period – you feel like you are just wandering around with no direction and no help.

a) If you are in the Wilderness period it is usually the time God is waiting for you to come to Him! Israelites in the desert and getting to the Promised Land. They were so focused on their problems and needs they lost out on the relationship with God.



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period – you feel like you are just wandering around with no direction and no help.

b) A time of refinement, may be parts of your *character that need refining*.



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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

3. The Wilderness Period – you feel like you are just wandering around with no direction and no help.

c) God is often waiting on us, not necessarily us waiting on Him (i.e. Drowning victim).



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

4. **One percent can move mountains** – faith as tiny as a mustard seed.

a) *So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a **mustard seed**, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:19-21*



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

4. **One percent can move mountains** – faith as tiny as a mustard seed.

b) Story of the noted *Preacher*. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8 (KJV)



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

4. One percent can move mountains – faith as tiny as a mustard seed.

c) Your “catalyst” is the very means by which we learn and are refined. This is what builds the shield of faith, knowing Christ is with us.



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

a) Bible verses: **There is a reason!!!**

• *“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy (count it all joy). For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” James 1:2-4 (NLT)*



SHIELD OF FAITH

How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

a) Bible verses: **There is a reason!!!**

• *“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something **strange** were happening to you.”* **1 Peter 4:11-13 (NIV)**



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How does this apply to us today? (5 ways)

5. Count it all Joy?

b) “Count it all joy” would “tweak my flesh” until God began to reveal the bigger picture and changed my perspective – renewed my mind- from the old man to the new man.



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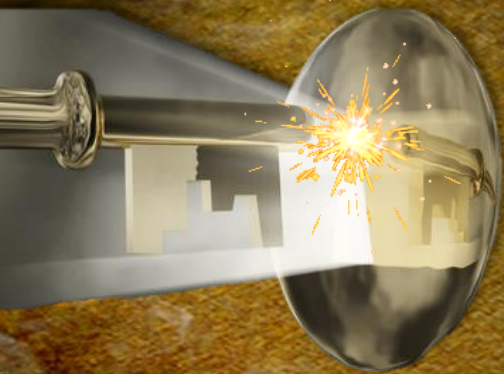
5. Count it all Joy?

c) ON A GLOBAL SCALE today – The Holy Spirit is bringing us in unity through our relationship with Jesus Christ and hearing His voice.

...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13 (NIV)





THE KEY: *Building and Maintaining your Shield of Faith is simply standing firm in trust in Jesus Christ by daily surrender and hearing what He puts on your heart to do. Then coming together in unity with True Fellowship –helping and encouraging others standing in faith.*





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