

SERMON NOTES

Date: February 7, 2021

Series: God's Riches

Title: The Shield of Faith

Text: Ephesians 6:16

Big Idea: The shield of faith is our defense against the Devil's attempts to undermine the character of God and our obedience to him in love.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

What are some common steps people take to shield themselves from danger?

Read the following passages and describe how God is a shield and defense to those who trust in him?

- Psalm 5:12
- Psalm 33:20
- Psalm 18:35
- Psalm 91:4

Why is it essential that a Christian base his or her faith on *truth*, not feelings?

Paul says to "take up" the shield of faith in all circumstances. How can Christians take it up every day—even on days when they feel like they don't have much faith?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Name three "flaming darts of the evil one" you believe have been launched at you recently?

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Describe how these darts might undermine God's character if not extinguished by biblical faith.

How does the shield of faith extinguish each one of them? In other words, what is still true about God?

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Are you going to believe these truths? How then can you express your faith and trust in God's shield of protection over you?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Just as the Roman shield was used in the tortoise formation, the shield of faith should be used in formation with other believers. How are you going to connect with fellow Christians this week for accountability and encouragement? Remember, there's strength in numbers!