

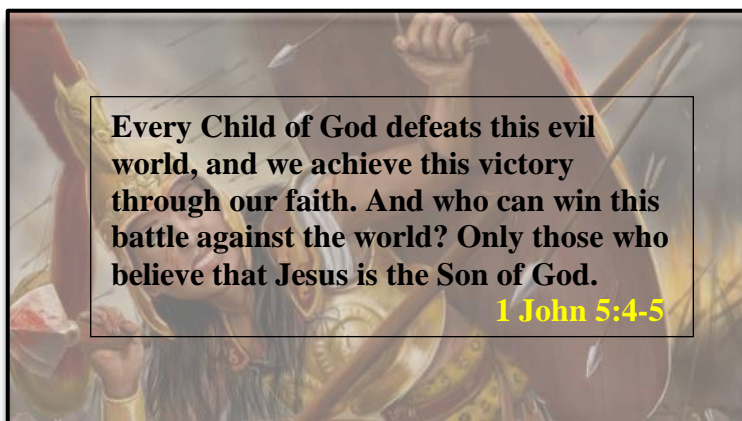
The Armor of God: *The Shield of Faith (Part 2)*

In addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to **extinguish** all the **flaming** arrows of the evil one (Eph. 6:16).

Last Week Summary:

Lies That Set Your Life, Your Relationships, Your Peace, Your Confidence, Your Joy on Fire....and leave only the ashes of shame, guilt, fear, and anxiety.

- Abuse
- Abandonment
- Rejection
- Lack of a Father's Affirmation
- Loss
- Fear
- Mistakes
- Shame & Guilt
- Control & Power



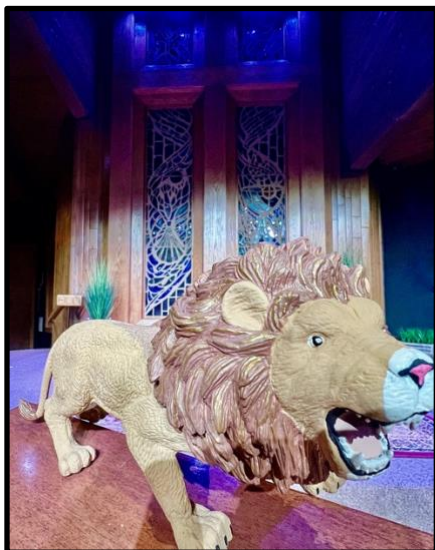
I see people who carry these lies:

- Full of Deep Hurt
- Full of Anger and Rage
- Full of Blame and Accusation
- Full of Victimhood & Self-Pity
- It Spills Out on Others Around Them

But Only Faith

Can Extinguish

These Lies!



1) The _____ You Are,
The _____ It Is.

James 4:7-8

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

2 Cor. 4:17-18 (The Message)

These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

Also See Hebrews 11:1; 12:2

2) Faith _____.

It Does Not _____ Them.

John 16:29-33 (The Message)

His disciples said, "Finally! You're giving it to us straight, in plain talk—no more figures of speech. Now we know that you know everything—it all comes together in you. You won't have to put up with our questions anymore. We're convinced you came from God."

³¹⁻³³ Jesus answered them, "Do you finally believe? In fact, you're about to make a run for it—saving your own skins and abandoning me. But I'm not abandoned. The Father is with me. I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've overcome the world."

- **Mother Teresa & Philosopher John Kavanaugh**

Next Week:

- Belt of Truth
- Body Armor of Righteousness
- Shoes of Peace & Good News
- Shield of Faith
- **Helmet of Salvation**
- Sword of the Spirit
- Air Cover of Prayer

When John Kavanaugh, the noted and famous ethicist, went to Calcutta, he was seeking Mother Teresa ... and more. He went for three months to work at "the house of the dying" to find out how best he could spend the rest of his life.

When he met Mother Teresa, he asked her to pray for him. "What do you want me to pray for?" she replied. He then uttered the request he had carried thousands of miles: "Clarity. Pray that I have clarity."

"No," Mother Teresa answered, "I will not do that." When he asked her why, she said, "**Clarity is the last thing you are clinging to and must let go of.**" When Kavanaugh said that she always seemed to have clarity, the very kind of clarity he was looking for, Mother Teresa laughed and said: "**I have never had clarity; what I have always had is trust. So I will pray that you trust God.**"