

Remnant Life Church  
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“Everyday Armor  
Part 4 – The Shield of Faith”  
(Introduction)  
**Ephesians 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.”*

The three central themes of the Bible:

1. God’s love
2. Redemption through Jesus
3. Faith to live our lives for Him

#### Shield

- One type was a smaller oval shield that could be used in close combat to feign off the blows of a hand-held weapon
- The one Paul is writing of here is from the word “thureos” (Thoo-ray-ahz)
  - 4’x2 ½’ (slide 1)
  - Layers of woods covered with leather, soaked in water and bound with iron
  - Large enough to cover the entire soldier
  - Grouped together made a nearly impenetrable offensive weapon

#### Faith

- In the NIV faith is spoken of 270 times
- **Eph 6:16** – Paul says that with the armor take up the shield
  - The armor is not meant to be used separately but combined
  - Faith is the armor for the armor
- **Hebrews 11:1** - *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*
- What keeps the Christian today from using this definition every day?
  - Our intellect – **Romans 12:2** *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*
  - Unwillingness to completely give our lives to God – **I Tim 4:15**

*Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.*

- Past hurts and disappointments - **Luke 16:15** – Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees and reminds them that God knows the heart
  - **Genesis 50:20** *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*
  - We do not know the full scope of God’s plan in our situations
- **Hebrews 11** is the “Faith Hall of Fame”
  - 8 men who the author accounts their great faith
    - In detail for Abraham and Moses
    - The list includes **Samson**
      - A very flawed man
      - God does not require perfect people to accomplish His will