

## Shield of faith

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

**Hebrews 11:6a (NIV)** - *And without faith it is impossible to please God...*

### What is Faith?

**James 2:19-20 (NLT)** - <sup>19</sup> You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup> How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

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

*"Faith is simply taking God at His word and acting accordingly."*  
-Billy Graham

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)**

*"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase"*  
-Martin Luther King Jr.

### Reality of faith...it will be tested

**John 16:33b (NLT)** - *...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

**James 1:2-4 (NIV)** - <sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**Romans 5:1-4 (NLT)**

**1 Peter 1:3-7 (NLT)**

The fiery darts of the enemy can come in the form of...

- Temptation
- Doubt/Lies

- Fear/Anxiety
- Loss
- Relational tension
- Despair/Depression
- Persecution
- Trials/hardships
- Harm

## We Need to Build Up Our Faith Together

**Jude 1:20a (NLT)** - <sup>20</sup> *But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith...*

**Hebrews 3:12-14 (NLT)** - <sup>12</sup> *Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. <sup>14</sup> For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.*

**James 4: 7-8 (NLT)** - <sup>7</sup> *So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come close to God, and God will come close to you...*

## Shield of Faith Prayer

God, right now, I hold up the shield of faith. Please increase my faith in you today as you walk with me in all of life’s circumstances. Help me to trust you and know that you are in control. I pray that my faith in you would not waiver, but would grow as the trials of life get harder. Please allow my faith to extinguish all the fiery arrows the enemy shoots at me today.



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