

THE SHIELD OF FAITH: PART V
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
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Questions for Study & Reflection

1. The word “faith” essentially means “trust” and when it is directed towards God faith is trust in the faithfulness of God. Read Hebrews 11:6 and meditate on how the faithfulness of God is the key to understanding the faith of all those mentioned in Hebrews 11.
2. The faithfulness of God is most often displayed by God’s fidelity to his Word. This implies that knowing and understanding and believing the Word of God is indispensable to faith. Knowing this, are you stoking the fire of faith in your soul by stacking the Word of God in your heart each day? What can you do to improve this in your life right now?
3. Pastor Charlie said that to wield the shield of faith we must learn how to believe the Word of God as it relates to the particular attacks of the enemy we’re facing. Look up 1 Corinthians 10:13, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Psalm 145:3, Isaiah 64:4, Jeremiah 32:27, and Romans 8:28 and think about how you would use texts like these to exercise faith and defeat the devil.
4. Read Ephesians 6:16 and meditate on the extent of the promise it makes. Do you find this promise hard to believe? How is it that a promise so far-reaching as this can be true? How do you think this works in life at full-speed?
5. Read Hebrews 11:32-40 and notice the shift in emphasis that takes place in the middle of verse 35. Pastor Charlie said that he learns from this shift that some are called to put their faith in the faithfulness of God and accomplish great and even impossible things through him; others are called to put their faith in the faithfulness of God and endure though they suffer and perhaps even die. Look up Daniel 3:16-18 & 2 Chronicles 24:20-22 to see both sides of this equation. What is the common thread that ties both of these faith-filled believers together?