

Ephesians 6:16

A knight in dark armor stands in a field of fire, holding a flaming sword. The word "STANDING" is overlaid in large, jagged letters, with each letter containing a different color of fire or light. The background is a dark, smoky sky with fire.

In Faith When Life Doesn't Make Sense



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“Faith is proven by
our actions in the
face of adversity”

Ephesians 6:16

“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”

The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16



everyone born of
God overcomes the world. This is
the victory that has overcome the
world, even our faith.”
1 John 5:4

THE PURPOSE OF THE SHIELD



PROTECTION
FROM THE
ENEMIES
DARTS

Matthew 6:30-36

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear....And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these....So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

1 Peter 2:9-10

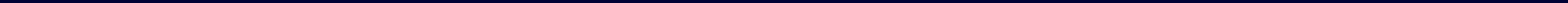
But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God, once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Mark 7:20-23

“It is what comes from inside that defiles you. For from within, out of a person’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²¹adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”

1 Peter 5:9 NLT

Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers^[a] all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.



Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace all who
trust in you, all whose thoughts are
fixed on you!

John 14:27 NLT

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

James 3:17 NLT

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

John 16:33 NLT

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

2 Thess. 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

FAITHS
SOURCE: GOD
IS OUR SHIELD



Genesis 15:1

Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, “Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.”

Psalm 3:1-4

O Lord, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. So many are saying, “God will never rescue him!” But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. I cried out to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy mountain.

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, that is,
hearing the Good News about Christ.

Romans 8:37

No, despite all these things,
overwhelming victory is ours through
Christ, who loved us.

THE SHIELD
UNITES THE
SOLDIERS





STOP

Take Up The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16



1 Peter 5:8-9

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith.

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FINDING
HOPE
WHEN GOD
SEEMS

The only thing you can do,
the hardest thing to do is
by faith and obedience,
let go of what you think is
comfortable and step
into His arms of strength.

Ben Patterson

