ARMOR OF GOD - 5 Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:10-16 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. **14** Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. **16** In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

The shield is the _____ line of _____ against the attacks of the enemy.

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

Faith "Pistus" - (Appears 240 times in the New Testament) - Acting on the Truth

• Faith is not _____.

"Any faith that must be supported by the evidence of the senses is not real faith." - A.W. Tozer

• Feelings are _____.

• Faith is a _____.

"Put on" - _____ needed

"Take up" - _____ basis

Faith is a protective _____ between us and the _____ of Satan.

A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

1. Faith must be _____.

Romans 10:17 Faith comes by hearing the message, and the message us heard through the word about Christ.

When you take in _____ you deposit _____. When I listen to _____.

2. Faith must _____.

James 2:17 Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

• Faith is a _____ that either declines or develops.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

- When is the last time you _____ your faith?
- 3. Faith must be _____.

• I activate faith by _____ God's Word.

2 Corinthians 4:13 it is written, "I believed, therefore I have spoken. Since we have the same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak.

Joshua 24:15 ... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Proverbs 22:6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Psalm 107:20 He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Matthew 6:26-27 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon forged against you will prosper.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

- I activate faith by _____ with people of faith.
- I activate my faith by keeping my _____ on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2 Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and the perfected of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning it's shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.