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I assume if you ever watched a cowboy show as a child or a police drama you have seen scenes where a bullet ricochets off a wall or tree or something else. To ricochet means rebound off a surface. In other words, it hits something stronger than itself and bounces back. A ball will ricochet off a wall if you throw it against it.

The scripture tells us that we reap what we sow. In other words, what we plant, be it words, deeds, thoughts, or anything else, will ricochet back at us. If we sow love, we reap love. If we sow hate, we reap hate. If we sow rebellion, we reap rebellion. If we sow kindness, we will reap kindness. Whatever we sow comes back to us eventually.

As a little girl I was taught by my mother a little rhyme. It went like this, "I'm rubber, and you're glue. Everything that you say bounces off me and sticks on you, because I'm rubber, and you're glue." She was speaking of hurtful words like darts that people say. Careless, unkind words can penetrate deep into us if we don't allow them to ricochet off. We must wear the shield of faith, which keeps those darts that Satan hurls at us from piercing our hearts. The darts ricochet back at him when we wear the armor.

Offenses come because we allow those darts to penetrate. This happens because we don't have our armor on. Remember, the armor is the shield of "faith" that protects our heart. The shield of faith keeps the darts at bay. We don't have to let them penetrate. We refuse to let them hurt us by letting them ricochet off. We can't think on them even for a minute or they will penetrate. It takes faith to do this.

How is your armor? Are you wearing it daily so the fiery darts of Satan will ricochet off, or are you leaving it on the clothing rack? Satan will never stop hurling darts at us, but his day is coming. Every dart he threw will be penetrating him in hell for eternity since he will reap what he has sown. Don't let him use you to be the one that shoots the darts. Keep your life full of love! Remember you reap (ricochet) what you sow.