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SHEILDED BY FAITH

I enjoy movies from ancient history where there are duals fought and swords and shields used as defense. We can learn a lot from those battles that were fought long ago. Some were led by Godly kings while others were led by tyrants. All had one thing in common and that was they had faith in their cause. Their cause might have been righteous, but often it was not.

So, what does faith have to do with a battle? What does faith have to do with us today? Hebrews tells us in 11:1: ***“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*** This may be a hard verse to understand. How do we believe in things that we don't see? How do we know what to believe in?

Once again, we go back to the “cause.” What is it that drives a person to do what they do? Faith is believing that inner voice that directs us. The Holy Spirit is the voice in a believer, while self and Satan are the voices that the unbeliever listens to and are led by.

Faith in simple terms for a believer is “simply believing God meant what he said.” In other words, if it is a promise in the bible then it is ours to believe!

Faith is the shield that wards off the darts that Satan throws at us. Like those old movies, there will always be a battle, but faith is our defense shield. We see the enemy for what he is and use the Word of God as a shield against him. We cannot win any spiritual/physical battle without faith in God and His Word.

We must remember this though, that Jesus has already won the victory. Satan is a defeated foe through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We go into battle as victors taking back what Satan has stolen. We are armed with this shield of faith and know that the fiery darts that Satan throws at us will fall defeated to the ground when we battle in the name of Jesus. Jesus is the faith in us. Jesus is our shield. He is our defense. When we put our faith in him and his word we win every time. Will there be bruises and scars? Yes, that often comes with the battle, but Jesus is the one that binds us up. He is the one that gives us faith to sustain us through these battles. He is our commander in chief that leads us to victory.

Just make sure you take the shield of faith with you and not be presumptuous to do any battle in your own strength and you will win. How do we know the plan of attack? We spend time with the commander in chief in the war room of prayer and get the battle plan! That's where our faith is built up and we come forth strong to conquer in the name of Jesus!

Have faith my friends. Without faith it is impossible to please God! Let it be your shield.