

Ephesians—The Gospel Unites Take Up Faith Ephesians 6:16 (page 979/large print 1163/1245) Pastor Matt Kottman April 28, 2024

1. What is Faith?

2. When Is Faith Necessary?

3. How Does Faith Extinguish All the Flaming Darts of the Evil One?

Questions for discussion and application:

- 1. Was there anything in particular from the message on Sunday that spoke to you?
- 2. Consider these passages about God as our shield: Gen 15:1; Ps 3:3; 28:7; 91; Pro 30:5. How do these help you understand God as a shield?
- 3. Why do you think faith is likened to a shield? What characteristics of faith make it an effective defense against the attacks of evil?
- 4. How do you understand the phrase "flaming arrows of the evil one"? What are some examples of these "flaming arrows" in our daily lives?
- 5. Reflecting on your own experiences, can you share a time when your faith acted as a shield against challenges or temptations?
- 6. Can you think of any biblical or historical examples where individuals demonstrated remarkable faith as a shield against adversity or opposition?
- 7. What role do prayer, meditation on scripture, and fellowship with other believers play in maintaining a strong shield of faith?