

FOCUSING OUR FAITH

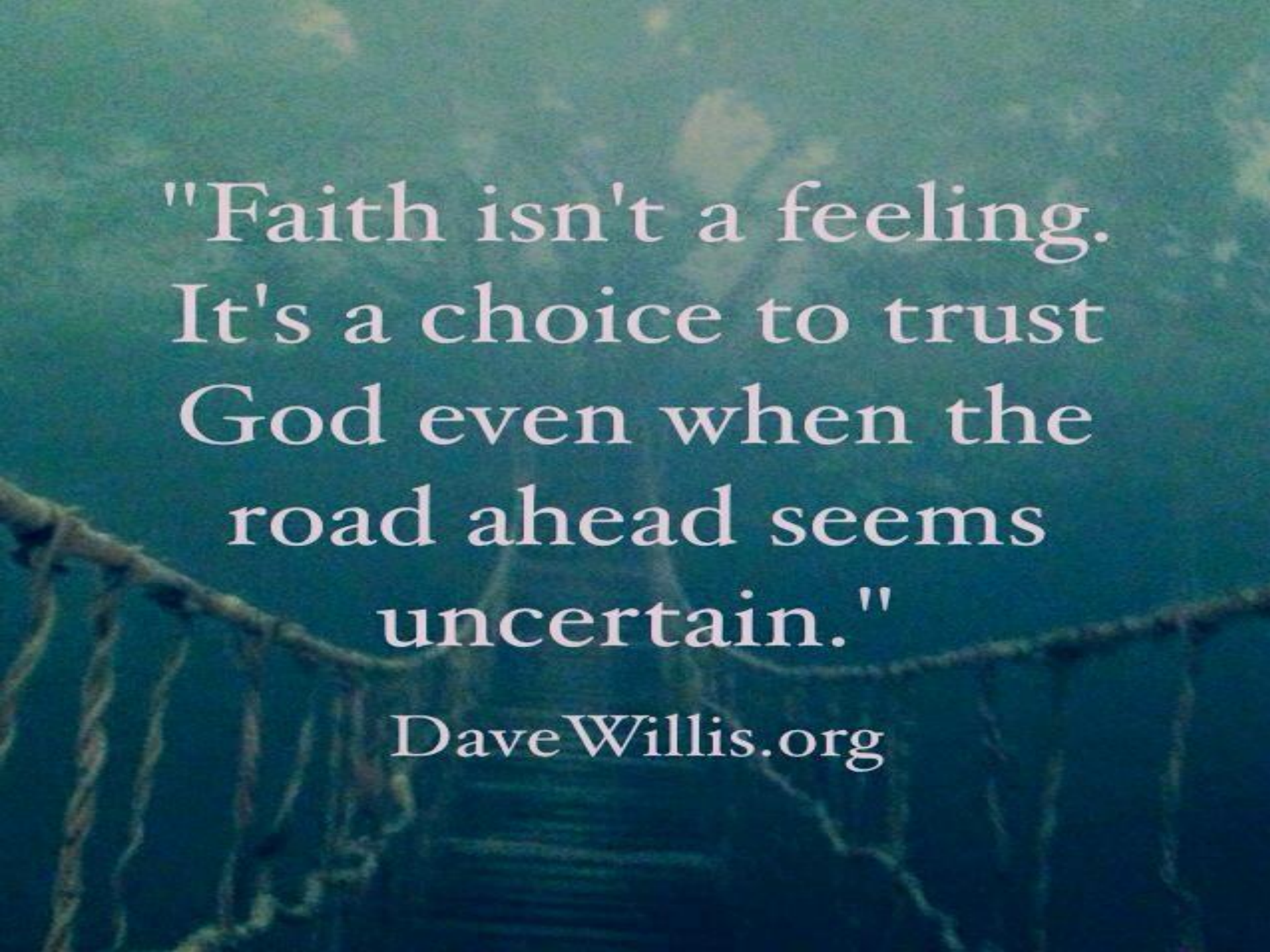
EPHESIANS 6:16



"above all, taking the
shield of faith with
which you will be able
to quench all the fiery
darts of the wicked one."

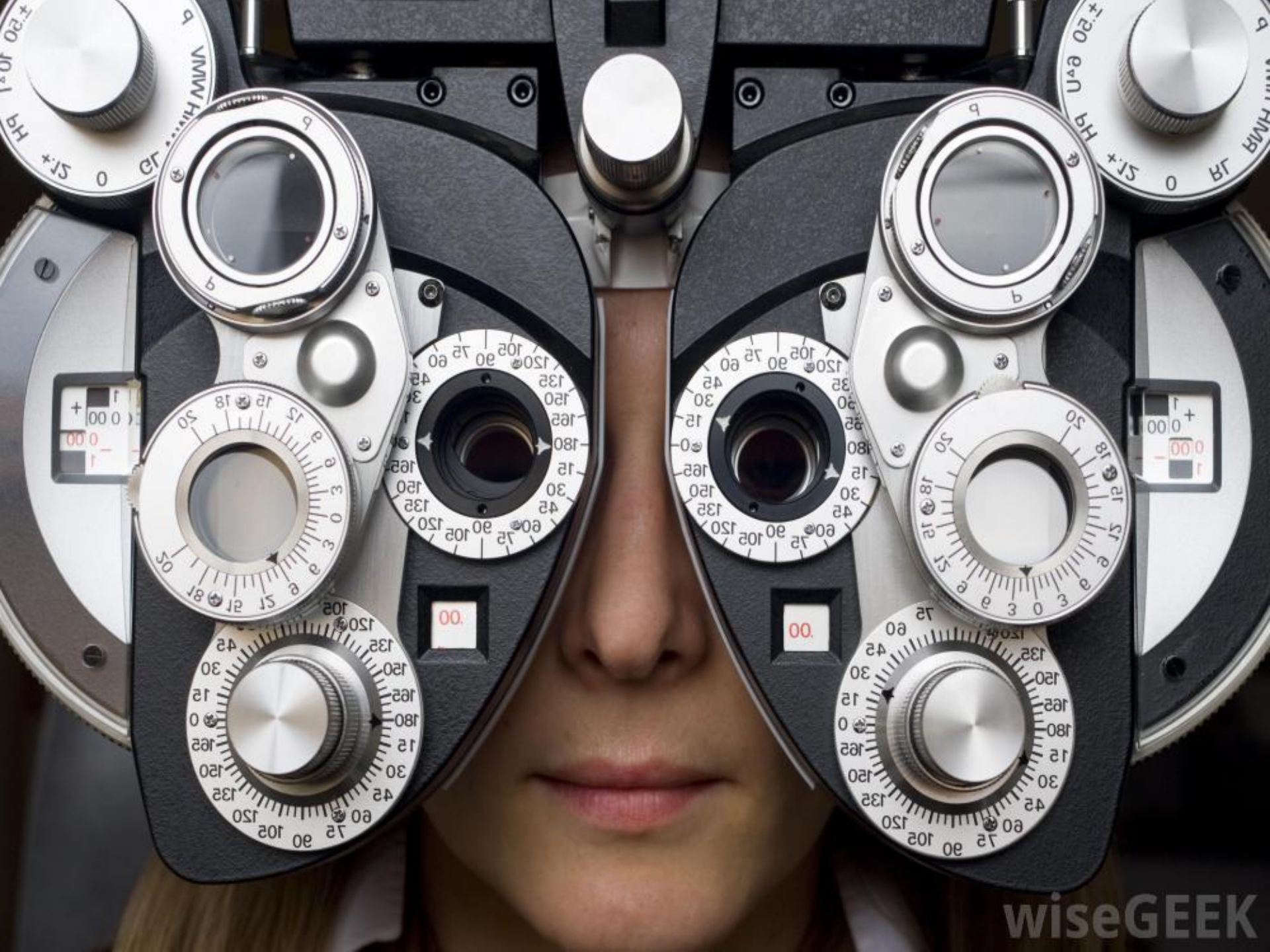
Ephesians 6:16 - NKJV

"Fiery darts are meant to dismantle things in your life so that you become open to other attacks Satan may send your way"



"Faith isn't a feeling.
It's a choice to trust
God even when the
road ahead seems
uncertain."

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The Devil's Distortion

5 Ways he tries to take our focus away

1. Direct Attack to our health and wealth
2. Distractions through circumstances
3. Doubt based upon situations
4. Damages done through others
5. Discouragement due to unfilled promises and hopes

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- MAHSEH

- BĀTAH

- ÂMAN

MAHSEH – Ps. 46:1; 62:8

- To seek refuge = a strong tower
- Someone who is helpless and in danger seeking a secure hiding place
- The idea was that of a soldier during time of war, running to an adjacent hillside to seek protection until support forces arrived
- **The devil would have us think this is weakness, but in truth it is a tactical maneuver**

BĀTAH

- To trust in or rely upon, feel safe, be full of confidence
- Security that results from having someone in whom to place confidence – meaning God must be the OBJECT of our focus
- **This is where the devil's distortion tactic exist**

ÂMAN

- To believe, trust in, rely upon
- Certainty about God and His character
- Totally trusting the Lord God Almighty
- Continually rely upon the Lord in ALL aspects
- Variation of AMEN! Meaning: as God said it would be; so it WILL be!!!

SUMMATION

- When we FOCUS our faith on the Lord as opposed to situations, circumstances, etc., our faith then:
- **Allows us to stand behind the covering of God's word and promise not allowing anything the devil does or says to keep it from coming to pass!!!!!!**