TAKE UP

the Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:10-16
Recap

• Spiritual war in a spiritual realm being revealed in a physical environment effecting physical entities

• The Belt of Truth sets a standard we are to live by

• The Breastplate of Righteousness guards our hearts from the waywardness of life’s issues

• The Shoes of Peace provide us with both the ability to crush the chaos which then provides the peace
Transitioning…what we wear to…

• Take up or hold up the shield…
• The English Standard Version –
  • “In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.”
Roman Shield called a Scutum
Testudo or Foulkon
Protection from the flames
circle the wagons
The Shield by itself will not extinguish
The shield of FAITH

-- 1 John 5:4

“FOR EVERY CHILD OF GOD DEFEATS THIS EVIL WORLD, AND WE ACHIEVE THIS VICTORY THROUGH OUR FAITH.”
3 Things to Take With You

• You are a child of God **IF** you have accepted Christ

• To defeat something or someone means you are in a battle (doesn’t matter what you see, that ain’t faith)

• Victory is attainable, possible, and inevitable but only when we put our **faith** before our flesh