



In addition to all this, **take up the shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **Ephesians 6:16** (NIV)

**AN EFFECTIVE SHIELD OF FAITH REQUIRES TWO COMPONENTS:**

**1. A PERSONAL BELIEF IN \_\_\_\_\_.**

Faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality]. **Hebrews 11:1** (AMP)

...without faith it is impossible to walk with God and please Him, for whoever comes near to God must necessarily **believe** that God exists ... **Hebrews 11:6a** (AMP)

Paul replied, "No, Your Excellency Festus, I am not crazy. I speak words of truth and reason. <sup>26</sup> King Agrippa, I know I can speak frankly and freely with you, for you understand these matters well, and none of these things have escaped your notice. After all, it's not like it was a secret!" **Acts 26:25-26** (TPT)

**2. A PERSONAL BELIEF IN \_\_\_\_\_.**

...without faith it is impossible to walk with God and please Him, for whoever comes near to God must necessarily **believe** that God exists and that He rewards those who earnestly and diligently seek Him. **Hebrews 11:6** (AMP)

• **I DETERMINE TO TRUST GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.**

This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. **John 3:16** (MP)

For when we were still helpless, Christ died for the wicked at the time that God chose... <sup>8</sup> But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us... <sup>10</sup> We were God's enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son. Now that we are God's friends, how much more will we be saved by Christ's life! **Romans 5:6, 8, 10** (GNB)

• **I DETERMINE TO TRUST GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.**

God never planned to \_\_\_\_\_ me from the battle.

He always planned to \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the battle!

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. **John 17:15**(NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation... **1 Peter 1:3-5** (NIV)

• **I DETERMINE TO TRUST GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.**

...Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. <sup>15</sup> He died for everyone so that those who receive His new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. **2 Corinthians 5:14** (NLT)

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **Galatians 2:20** (NLT)

Make God the utmost delight and pleasure of your life, and he will provide what you desire the most. <sup>5</sup> Give God the right to direct your life, and as you trust him along the way you'll find he pulled it off perfectly! **Psalms 37:4-5** (TPT)

**BUILDING MY SHIELD OF FAITH - CHECK, CONNECT, COMMIT**

**1. I CHECK OUT \_\_\_\_\_.**

These are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name. **John 20:31** (ERV)

So faith comes from hearing the Good News. And people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ. **Romans 10:17** (ERV)

**2. I CONNECT WITH \_\_\_\_\_.**

Remember your leaders. They spoke God's word to you. Think about the results of their way of life. Copy their faith. **Hebrews 13:7** (NIRV)

**3. I COMMIT TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

Whoever is willing to do what God wants will know whether what I teach comes from God or whether I speak on my own authority. **John 7:17** (GNB)

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." <sup>28</sup> He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." **Luke 11:27-28** (ISV)