Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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Faith is a gift of God

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Hebrews 10:38 NIV

"But My righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

6 ...without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

How big is your shield?



Faith is like a muscle.

The more you use it the stronger it gets.

Romans 10:17 NIV

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Hebrews 12:2 (NASV)
...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

Our faith is strengthened when:

1. We see Christ in action around us



Our faith is strengthened when:

- 1. We see Christ in action around us
- 2. We see Christ in action in us

Our faith is strengthened when:

- 1. We see Christ in action around us
- 2. We see Christ in action in us
- 3. We see Christ in action through us

Without faith there is no hope

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

I am interested in strengthening my faith by:

Learning how to greet people Learning how to care for the church grounds Learning how to help in the A/V ministry Learning how to help in pre school/children's ministry Learning how to teach Sunday school Learning how to lead a small group Learning how to help youth grow in their faith Learning how to share my faith Other (Please specify) I would like to know about Baptism I would like to know for certain that I am going to go to Heaven

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.