

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16

May 2, 2021

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Ephesians 6:13</b> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14] Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15] and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16] In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;</p> <p><b>Proverbs 30:5</b> Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.</p> <p><b>Psalms 28:7</b> The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.</p>	<p><b>Faith is a shield as it connects us to Christ, our supreme advocate.</b></p> <p>I. What is Faith and what does it do?</p> <p>II. Faith in what or who?</p> <p>III. How might your faith be built?</p> <p>WCF 14- 1 The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word: by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.</p>
<p><b>Memory verses for 2021-</b></p> <p>Ephesians 5:15-21</p> <p>[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,</p> <p>[16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.</p> <p>[17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.</p> <p>[18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,</p> <p>[19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,</p> <p>[20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>[21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.</p>	<p>WCF 14- 2 By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.</p> <p>WCF 14- 3 This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss how faith is defined as belief, dependence, trust, and rest.

2. Faith in what or who serves as a shield to fend off the devils darts?

3. Discuss this statement:

*“As we are battling in warfare, the enemy launches repeated volleys of blazing arrows- temptations, strategies, deceptions- to inflame us and bring our demise. But up come our shields of faith (as we trust God and His Word) into which hot arrows thud harmlessly.”* Hughes

4. Saving faith is a gift. We cannot conjure it. See Ephesians 2:8-9.

5. Discuss how our faith is strengthened with help from the WCF-

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## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: