

## VIDEO – TEASER

PREACHING TEAM – shares their word and verse

Tony – **Righteousness**      Paul – **Integrity**      Don - **Obedience**

Pastor – **Tenacity** - determination, power, boldness, strength

**Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)**

**Ephesians 6:16 (NKJV)**

ILL: It's funny how we all can get our tongue tied and say a word with a different letter on it.

The funniest one I've ever heard with a group of men went to a prison to minister to the prisoners. They asked if there were any prayer needs. A man stood up and he meant to say, "I need prayer I'm being attacked by the fiery darts of the enemy.

But instead he said, "I'm being attacked by the diary farts of the enemy."

**Ephesians 6:16 (AMP)**

King James it says, "Above all"

**A. THE WORD "SHIELD" DOES NOT MEAN THE SMALL ROUND SHIELD WHICH THE SOLDIER HELD IN HIS HAND TO FIGHT OFF THE WEAPONS OF THE ENEMY.**

## VIDEO – SHIELD PIC

1. It's an great oblong shield to protect his body from the fiery darts thrown by the enemy. The darts were dipped in some kind of flammable material.
  2. When they struck, they served the purpose of small aggressive bombs. **SO THE SHIELD WOULD PROJECT THE SOLDIER**
- B. AND NOT ONLY WOULD THE SHIELD PROTECT HIM, BUT IF IT WAS USED RIGHT IT COULD PROTECT THE ONES CLOSE TO HIM.**

## VIDEO – SHIELD PIC

**SATAN HAS HIS FIERY DARTS—THOSE THINGS THAT CAUSE THE CHRIST FOLLOWER**

- to question his salvation
- to question his call
- to question if he is worthy
- to question, doubt, and wonder
- to become discouraged, depressed, and defeated
- to burn with passion and desire

**Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

**C. WE'RE ALWAYS TOLD BY FAITH TEACHERS THAT FAITH IS A SUBSTANCE – IT'S SOMETHING YOU GET A HOLD OF.**

1. **THE MORE FAITH YOU HAVE** the more you're going to be able to do great things.
2. But that's not what the bible teaches.

**D. THE DISCIPLES WERE CONFUSED ABOUT THIS ISSUE OF FAITH.**

**ILL: Jesus spoke to them one time and said, "Oh you of little faith"**

1. Then the Disciples said, "Oh Lord increase our faith". Jesus said, I've been with you this long and you still don't know. If you have faith a size of a mustard seed you can say to this mountain be removed.
2. **WHAT JESUS WAS TELLING THEM THE PROBLEM WASN'T HOW MUCH FAITH YOU HAVE THE PROBLEM IS YOUR NOT USING THE FAITH THAT YOU HAVE.**
  1. You get distracted and you drop the shield and the next thing you know SATANS NAILED YOU WITH ONE OF HIS FIERY DARTS.

**VIDEO – SHIELD**

CONCLUSION:

**A. AS YOU'RE KEEPING YOUR SHIELD UP YOU'RE TELLING GOD THAT YOU HAVE A LIVING FAITH.**

1. That your depending on His word, His strength, His wisdom.