



## Armor of God | Part 3 Bill Bush | 03.28.2020

### Big Idea

Faith is forged in the fight.

### Fiery Arrows

- Doubt
- Anxiety
- Rebellion
- Trouble

### Ephesians 6:16

In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

### How do I use the shield of faith?

- Act on and beyond my belief.
- Act with others.

### God is always...

- Involved in my life (*Psalms 3:3*)
- Going to come through (*Psalms 145:13*)
- In control (*Romans 8:28*)

**“Be the church in service not just be at a church service!”**

### Romans 8:28-39

28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

33 Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself.

34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

36 (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.")

37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Ephesians 6:17**

Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **How do I use the helmet of salvation?**

Focus my thoughts and not follow my feelings.

### **Romans 12:2a**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

### **2 Corinthians 2:11**

so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

### **2 Corinthians 10:5**

We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

### **Response**

- What would it look like to act on and beyond your belief?
- Are you acting with others?
- How are you focusing your thoughts, not following your feelings?