

**DEVELOPING A STRONG SPIRIT – 4**  
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**REVIEW:**

- **PR. 18:14 AMPC, EPH 6:10-11** Our main texts.
- The Belt of Truth holds the armor in place.
- The Breastplate of Righteousness protects our vital organs.

**CONTINUE:**

**EPH. 6:15** – Sandaled Feet: Sandals were designed with metal studs to provide support while marching and fighting.

- Meaning of Peace: Shalom means perfect welfare related to health, prosperity, harmony, and wholeness; liberation from whatever hinders contentment. **ROM 5:1** Peace with God. **HEB. 12:14** We actively seek to reconcile people to God and others. **MT. 5:9** A peacemaker is called a son of God.
- Misconceptions about Peace: **JOHN 16:33** It doesn't mean the absence of conflict. The world will present challenges. **PHIL. 4:6-7** God provides His protective peace as we put our trust in Him
- Model of Peace: Jesus is our model. **MK. 4:37-41; IS. 9:6; LK. 2:14** He came to establish peace. His message explains it, His death purchased it, and His resurrection enables it.
- Method of Peace. **1 COR. 7:15, Rom. 12:18, MT. 5:23-24** Take the initiative to achieve peace. **IS. 26:3** Fix the mind on God, on things above where Christ sits as champion over all satanic efforts.

**EPH. 6:16** Shield of Faith: A 4 ½ x 2 ½ ft. of plywood covered with animal hide. Before a battle, it was soaked with water to put out the fiery darts of the enemy. Paul said this piece of armor is what stops the success of Satan's deceptive schemes. The shield covered the entire body. Imagine how big Goliath's shield was!

- **MT. 4:1-11** Jesus illustrated how the shield is used. By knowing and declaring what is written, Jesus used His shield to provide protection for all three dimensions of His being.
- **ROM. 10:17, 2 COR. 5:7, 1 JOHN 5:4** There is a confession that brings faith and a confession that releases faith.
- **ROM. 4:19-21** Abraham's faith was developed over time. He kept calling himself the Father of many nations until one day it produced genuine faith. Jesus confessed His identity.
- **HEB. 4:1-2** The Gospel with all its power to transform a life only profits those who mix faith with it. Without faith we can't extinguish Satan's fiery missiles; but with faith as our shield, his missiles fall at our side without harm.