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The Shield of Faith

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In addition to all this, take up the Shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:16

A shield is very important to a soldier because it is the first barrier against the enemy's attacks. In the same way, faith is the shield that protects believers from all the arrows of the devil. Some of these arrows include fear, condemnation and negative thoughts that speak of failure and defeat. These arrows can at times cause us to doubt God, but faith prompts us to believe in God again and again.

Faith recognizes that even though the weapon may be forged, it will not prosper(Isaiah 54:17).

God is the Author and finisher of our faith and we have to turn to Him when we are in need of more faith. Through prayer and reading the word, He grows our mustard seed sized faith into a mature full grown tree that can provide shade even to those around us.

In Hebrews 11, we read of witnesses of faith such as Abraham and Sarah who proved that God always rewards those who believe without seeing. When we walk by faith and not by our foolish sight, we are able to win the victory over sin, trials, temptations and all growth hindrances in every aspect of our lives.

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Why Jesus had to come in the flesh

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For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15

Our salvation had to involve Jesus coming in the flesh so that we could have a friend who not only is always there for us, but who also knows exactly what we are going through.

When Jesus was on earth He lived and experienced life as any other human being. He knew what it meant to be confident, scared, tired, happy, sad, angry, rejected, surprised, grieving and many other human emotions. That's why we can always call on Him when we are down because He has been there before himself and therefore understands.

Jesus kept trusting God because He knew that even though He had these emotions. He wasn't in union with them but was in union with the father. He therefore did what He had to do despite of the emotions because He knew that He wasn't defined or controlled by them because His relationship with God is what defined Him. God was with Him through it all just as He is with us. We are married to a person who overcame and we too share in His victory.

Jesus' coming in the flesh also provided a tangible revelation of God's nature and character. Because of Jesus we now know that God is not out there to condemn us but to give us grace and truth (John 1:14). Through Jesus we are able to see God's love and mercy for all.

In Conclusion, Jesus' coming in the flesh would led to the fulfillment of God's plan of not only saving mankind but also showing us the way of being victorious in life by trusting in a loving heavenly father.

Father, glorify vour name!" Then a voice came from heaven. "I have glorified it, and again."

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The Power of **Humility**

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Humility is a quality that God desires His children to possess, and one that yields abundant spiritual fruit. Jesus Christ, our ultimate example demonstrated humility by leaving His heavenly throne to become human, suffering on the cross for our sins (Philipians 2:5-8).

Other biblical figures like Moses, David and Paul exemplified humility acknowledging their weaknesses and dependencies on God. The Bible teaches that humility leads to; - wisdom (Proverbs 11:2), God's favor(James 4:6) and unity (Ephesians 4:2-3).

May we embrace humility as a vital aspect of our walk with God and then we will be able to serve and glorify Him in all we do.