

## The Armor of God

A Firm Foundation – Day 24

1. Open your Bible to this passage and read the story from the beginning to end. Then answer the following questions:
  - After a discouraging night of fishing, what was Simon doing at the end of verse 2 that would have made Jesus' instructions even more difficult to follow later on?
  - In thinking about the connection between truth and faith, what do you think is the importance of this statement in verse 4' "When He [Jesus] had finished speaking, He said to Simon..."?
  - How does Simon's response to Jesus in verse 5 reveal some of the "fiery" darts" he might have been dealing with?
  - What did Simon say (also in v. 5) that reveals moments he employed the shield of faith?
  - What was Simon's and his companions' response to what happened (v. 11)?
  - Circle any of the questions that hit home for you personally. Below, record the ways these details connect to something you are facing right now.
  - What is God asking you to do in response to what you've seen in Simon's example?
2. How would you describe the difference between faith and foolishness?
3. What keeps someone from crossing the boundary between the two?
4. Look up the following verses that reveal God's word in a particular area of life. Draw a line to connect the reference with the corresponding truth, promise or directive.

Deuteronomy 31:6  
Philippians 4:6  
Romans 13:1-2  
2 Corinthians 6:14  
Ephesians 4:29  
2 Corinthians 2:7  
Malachi 3:10  
1 Corinthians 6:18  
Hebrews 10:25

Forgive  
Watch what you say and how you say it  
Flee from sexual immorality  
Do not be bound in a relationship with an unbeliever  
Be grateful instead of anxious  
God will never leave your side  
Go to church  
Submit to and respect authority  
Tithe

5. Circle any of the issues in the chart above that might apply to an area of your life now or even in a past season. Answer the following questions: Have you responded in obedience to the truth revealed in the Bible? Why or why not?
  
6. Have you in any way allowed your feelings to override your commitment?
  
7. If so, what has been the outcome of following your feelings?
  
8. Write down any part that fear is playing in keeping you from walking by faith in your life right now.
  
9. Is there any way you are nursing or encouraging this fear in your life instead of staunchly fighting to overcome it?

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