

DIGDEEPER

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Shoes and Shield by Dr. Richard Rogers

Ephesians 6:15-16 ([Listen Online](#))

THE BIG IDEA

Life is a battle, and our enemy is relentless. He uses any number of schemes to keep us from living for the glory of God, but we have all the armor we need to stand and fight. This week, we take a look at the shoes of the gospel and the shield of faith. Both are critical in our daily lives as they make us ready for every circumstance and protect us from the onslaught of our enemy's attacks.

START A CONVERSATION (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

- Tell me about a time you had to place your trust in someone or something.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- What is the gospel? How does your definition of it make a difference in everyday life?
- In what way(s) do you regularly express faith in Jesus?
- Today we talked about the shield of faith and the shoes of the gospel. What's the relationship between these two pieces of armor?
- What is something God has done for his people that gives you hope for the future?
- What are some fiery arrows the enemy has directed at you this week?

GO DEEPER

- JI Packer gives us [a beautiful definition of faith](#) and helps underscore how it requires a relationship with the God who has revealed himself to us.
- Lane Tipton [helps us remember the gospel](#) by reminding us that it's not primarily about *what* but *who*.
- We learn what the gospel is by reading the Bible where God reveals it to us. And we grow in our knowledge of the gospel by returning to the Bible again and again. Here are [twelve gospel passages](#) for you to meditate on this week.
- We must remember that [our shield of faith is effective](#) only because of the one in whom we place our trust.

LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

We defined faith as relational submission to God. It's a battle to submit. The last thing our enemy wants to see is the people of God honoring God by the way we live our lives, so he sets out to cause chaos through his scheming and his attacks. In what ways do you need to trust God by submitting to him and resisting the devil this week? Ask the Holy Spirit for the faith to submit. Then, share your struggle with a mature believer you admire who has demonstrated a lifelong ability to stand strong in their faith. Thank them for their example, and ask for them to pray for you.