

PSALMS OF SUMMER



PSALMS OF SUMMER Part 7: You Need a Bigger Shield Pastor Tim Bittle

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion. This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Psalm 91:1-4, NLT/NIV]

*Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I trust in Him. For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with His feathers. He will shelter you with His wings. **His FAITHFULNESS will be your shield and buckler.** Therefore, do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.*

[Ephesians 6:11 & 16, NLT/AMP]

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all of the strategies of the devil. Above all, lift up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

[2 Timothy 2:13]

When we are FAITHLESS, He remains FAITHFUL.

[Psalm 36:5]

Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; your FAITHFULNESS reaches beyond the clouds.

[Psalm 31:5]

I entrust my spirit into your hand. Rescue me, Lord, for you are a FAITHFUL God.

[Psalm 57:3]

He will send help from heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me. My God will send forth his unfailing love and FAITHFULNESS.

You've all been given a shield, and it is a shield of faith!

[Psalm 71:22]

Then I will praise you with music on the harp, because you are FAITHFUL to your promises, O my God.

[Psalm 86:15]

But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and FAITHFULNESS.

[Psalm 100:5]

For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his FAITHFULNESS continues to each generation

[Lamentations 3:23]

Great is his FAITHFULNESS; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

[Deuteronomy 7:9]

He is the FAITHFUL God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations.

Where else can we run, but to the God, who can heal, redeem, and restore? You need to get behind someone Who is greater than your faith! Fear not, His faithfulness will be your shield.

[1 Thessalonians 5:24]

FAITHFUL is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

[2 Thessalonians 3:3]

But the Lord is FAITHFUL. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.

[1 Corinthians 1:9]

God is FAITHFUL.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some games or activities that taught you strategy growing up? Describe one.**
- 2. Who are some people that you consider faithful? How have you seen that in their lives?**
- 3. What do you do when you're in a situation that requires more faith than you have? How can we rise to the occasion?**
- 4. In this season, which "arrows" feel like they're coming your way? What Scripture can you hold onto as your "shield" of protection?**

- 5. Where you can find the bigger shield (body armor, complete covering) for your faith? Why is it a big deal to obtain this, versus just your own measure of faith (your personal shield)?**
- 6. What would you do for God if you knew beyond a shadow of doubt that His safety and protection were guaranteed?**
- 7. Where are you living right now? Are you “living in the shelter of the Almighty?” (OR, Are you more of a “visitor”?) What are some practical next steps you need to take?**