

A photograph of a lone, gnarled tree with green foliage growing from a rocky, moss-covered cliff. The tree's trunk is dark and twisted, leaning slightly to the right. The background shows a vast, hazy valley with rolling hills and a small body of water in the distance. The sky is overcast and grey.

Journey: Suit Up and Stand Firm!

Part 2

The Christian Life Is One of War

Ephesians 6:10-14

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in HIS MIGHTY power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For OUR struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ THEREFORE put on the full armor of God, so that WHEN the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place

Suit Up and Stand Firm

- **Boots fitted with readiness to carry out our mission.**
 - *We've tasted the transforming power of the Gospel (Romans 1:16).*
 - *We're eager to participate in advancing the gospel (Matthew 5:13-16).*

Shield of Faith

Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

2 Corinthians 5:7

“-for we walk by faith, not by sight-”

Ephesians 2:8

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God...”

A misty landscape with a large, gnarled tree on a rocky outcrop. The tree is dark and silhouetted against the lighter, hazy background. The ground is rocky and covered with some green moss or grass. The overall atmosphere is serene and somewhat mysterious.

Shield of Faith

- *Faith can be dramatic and heroic.*
- *Faith is often strategic and subtle.*

Shield of Faith

James 1:2-4

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.