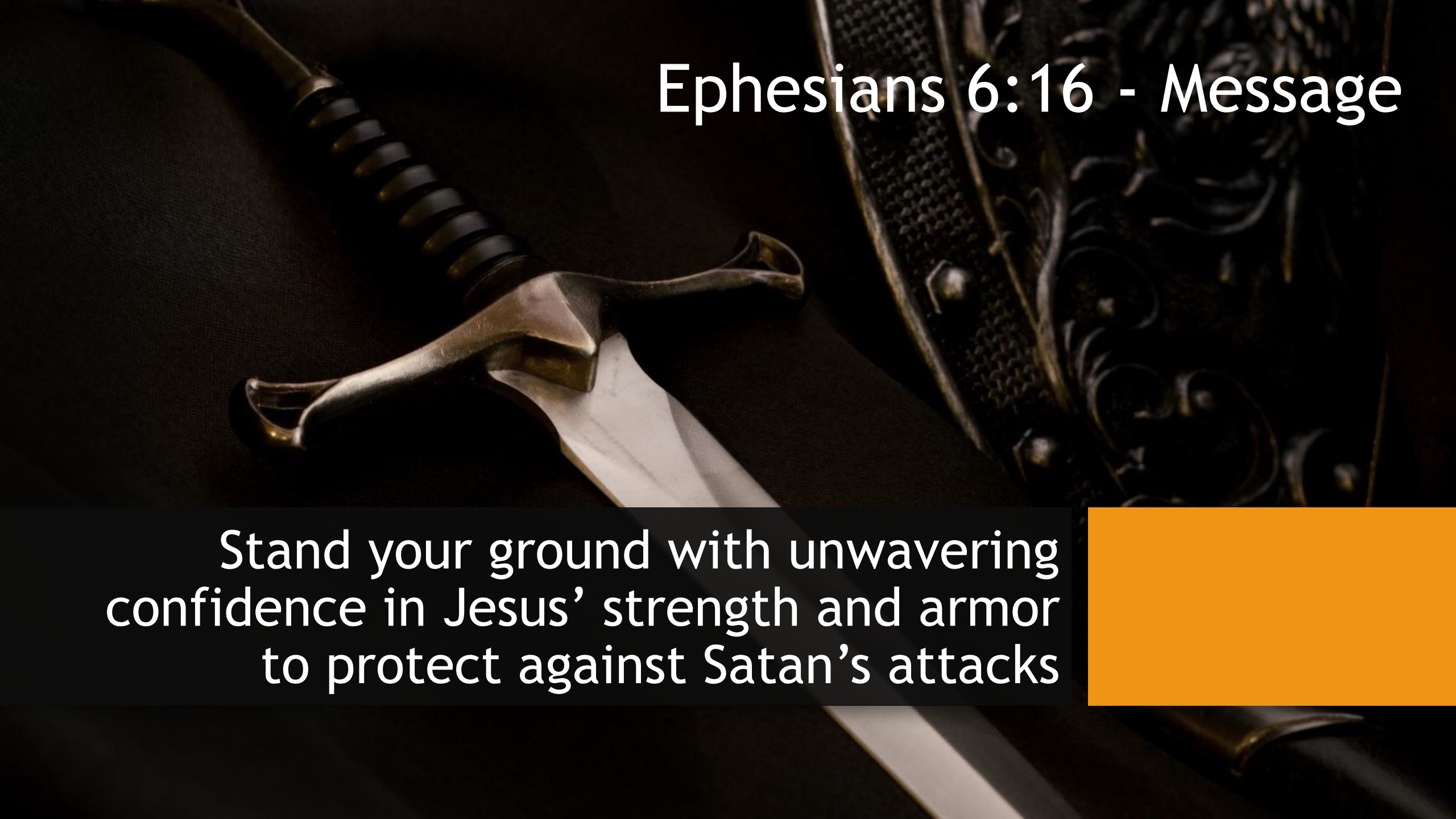


God's Armor: Faith



Ephesians 6:16 - Message

Stand your ground with unwavering confidence in Jesus' strength and armor to protect against Satan's attacks

God's Armor: Faith

Don't overlook this key piece of armor

Hold your ground, fortified by unwavering confidence

Such faith makes you effective at snuffing out Satan's fierce weapons

Eph 6:16

Roman shields in Paul's day

- Round “buckler” 2.5 feet in diameter (Gk. *aspis*, Latin *clipeus*)
- Larger rectangular shaped shield 2.5 feet wide and 4 feet tall
 - Covered most of the soldier's body
 - Gk. *thureos* (related to *thura*, “door”), Latin *scutum*
 - Planks of wood, convex, covered by canvas, then calf skin
 - Ends covered in metal
 - Round or cone-shaped metal boss in center to deflect blows or missiles
 - Paul used this type of shield in Eph 6:16

Roman shield

"Roman Gladius and Scutum: Carving out an Empire." Jon Guttman - 8/10/2024, <https://www.historynet.com/roman-gladius-and-scutum-carving-out-an-empire/>



The shield which is faith - Eph 6:16

- An “unshakable faith in God”
(F. F. Bruce, *Col., Phile., Eph.*, p. 408)
- An “unwavering confidence in God”
(John Eadie, *Ephesians*, p. 470)
- Ps 18:30; Prov 30:5; 1 Jn 5:4-5

Roman shield in formation



When used in combination, scuta provided excellent overhead cover, enabling units to storm fortifications.

Satan's lies and schemes (flaming missiles)

Doubt	Doubting God's promises
Discouraged	Becoming discouraged by the slowness of God's process
Shame	Letting Satan shackle us with shame
Accusations	Letting accusations send us into retreat
Guilt	Becoming demoralized by real or false guilt
Fear	Fleeing the battle in fear
Temptation	Getting distracted from our post by temptations to sin
Anger	Taking matters into our own hands through sinful anger
Rebellion	Rebelling against our Captain by not trusting His ways
Pride	Fighting in our own strength due to pride