

# CROSS CHURCH



MAY 17-18, 2025

**DON'T LEAVE HOME  
WITHOUT IT: PART 4–  
THE SHIELD OF FAITH**

**EPHESIANS 6:13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground...

**EPHESIANS 6:16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

## THE SHIELD OF FAITH IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN...

### 1. It is used.

**JAMES 2:17-18** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

### 2. It is soaked.

**ISAIAH 44:3** For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

**EZEKIAL 33:25-27, JOEL 2:28-29**

### 3. It is used with others.

**THE ROMANS WOULD INTERLOCK THEIR SHIELDS–  
IT WAS EFFECTIVE WHEN THEY WERE WORKING TOGETHER**

**ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12** Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

**LEVITICUS 26:7-8, HEBREWS 10:24-25**

**GALATIANS 6:2, 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11**

**EPHESIANS 6:16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

**THESE STEPS WILL GROW YOUR FAITH:**

**2 THESSALONIANS 1:3** We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

- **Hearing God’s Word.**

**ROMANS 10:17** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

- **Practicing God’s Word—Steps of Faith**

**JAMES 1:22**

- **Getting into God’s Presence.**

- **In Fellowship with God’s People.**

**TABLE TALK:**

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**What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today, and how can I apply it?**

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**CROSSWALK  
CLASSES**

SUNDAY AT 10:15AM

**DIVE NIGHT**

7TH - 12TH GRADE  
WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

**SMALL GROUP  
LEADER SIGN-UP**

MAY 26 / JUNE 02

**HOUSE OF  
HOPE**

MAY 31

**MEN’S  
CONFERENCE**

JUNE 21

**SMALL GROUP  
RALLY WEEKEND**

JUNE 07-08

**CHILD  
DEDICATIONS**

JUNE 07-08

**VBS  
REGISTRATION**

JUNE 09-13

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