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The Shield of Faith

This week Pastor Ken continued the series *Stranger Things: Winning the Battle with the Upside Down*. We are looking together at the struggle between good and evil and how to use each piece of the armor of God to resist the enemy. So gather with your Cathedral family on Zoom or other video platform and let's grow together.

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. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
Ephesians 6:12-13

1. This week we looked at the fourth piece of armor, the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:17), what it means to have faith (read Mark 11:22 and Romans 1:17) and the way faith grows.
2. Faith is a choice to believe in what we do not see (read Hebrews 11:1 and 2 Corinthians 5:7) and faith always finds a way to express itself (read James 2:26). Is there a step of faith you need to take to see the impossible happen in your life?
3. Our faith muscles grow when we immerse ourselves in the knowledge of God (read Psalm 9:10, Daniel 11:32 and Romans 10:17) and then you will find yourself in circumstances where you have the opportunity to flex your faith muscles. Where is God asking you to flex your faith muscles? Pastor Ken challenged us for the next seven days to spend the same amount of time in Scripture as we do on social media and watch our fear start to decrease and our faith start to rise. How can you intentionally take steps this week to meet this challenge?
4. Believers learn to trust God by knowing His character and promises. Are you taking up the shield of faith by holding onto God's promises? Let's live a life of faith and not fear in spite of our feelings.
5. We are better together so we don't get hit from the fiery arrows coming at us from the enemy. That's why we are having these *No One Stands Alone* Zoom groups during this sermon series. Hopefully, you will continue to find ways to connect with other Christians, even after this series is over.

Close in prayer