

**Stand Firm: 4 of 7**  
**“With Faith”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
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**Big Idea:** Because our battle is spiritual, we must fight with spiritual weapons to stand firm with God’s armor.

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.”

**Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

“**Stand firm** then, with the belt of **truth** buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of **righteousness** in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the **gospel** of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of **faith**, with which you can **extinguish** all the **flaming arrows** of the evil one.”

**Ephesians 6:14-16 (NIV)**

**We Take Up The Shield Of Faith When We:**

**1. Trust In The \_\_\_\_\_**

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that **He exists** and that **He rewards** those who earnestly seek Him.”

**Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

“**BE MERCIFUL and gracious** to me, O God, be merciful *and* gracious to me, for my soul takes **refuge and** finds **shelter and confidence** in You; yes, in the shadow of Your wings will I take refuge *and* be confident until calamities *and* destructive storms are **passed**. I will cry to **God Most High**, Who performs on my behalf *and* rewards me [Who brings to pass **His purposes for me** and surely completes them]! ...My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is steadfast *and* confident! I will **sing** and make melody.” **Psalm 57:1-2, 7 (AMP)**

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**2. Obey When We \_\_\_\_\_**

“It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He **obeyed** God, who warned him about things that had never happened before.”

**Hebrews 11:7a (NLT2)**

“Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all entrusted to the saints. For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who **change the**

**grace** of our God into a **license for immorality** and **deny Jesus Christ** our only Sovereign and Lord. Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.”  
**Jude 1:3-5 (NIV)**

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### **3. Persevere In \_\_\_\_\_**

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, **refused** to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He **chose** to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to **suffer** for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward.” **Hebrews 11:24-26 (NLT2)**

"By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight. Women received their loved ones back again from death. But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection.” **Hebrews 11:33-35 (NLT2)**

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### **4. Grow In Unity With \_\_\_\_\_**

“This will continue until we all come to such **unity in our faith** and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be **mature in the Lord**, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.”  
**Ephesians 4:13-14 (NLT2)**

Instead, we will **speak the truth in love, growing** in every way more and more **like Christ**, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own **special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is **healthy and growing and full of love.**”  
**Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT2)**

➤ **Where do I need to take up the shield of faith?**

#### **My next right step I will:**

[ ] Pray for an open door to share Jesus with:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Share my story of faith to someone I know

[ ] Follow Jesus in Believer’s Baptism on Mar. 31

[ ] Invite someone to Easter 9:30 or 11:00 am

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

**Big Idea:** Because our battle is spiritual, we must fight with spiritual weapons to stand firm with God’s armor.

**Icebreaker:** Where have you seen God show up in your life?

**Review Remember Verse: Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT2)**

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.”

**Read Ephesians 6:14-18**

In what ways does the “shield of faith” help us stand against the devil?

**Preacher’s Outline and Sermon Bible – Commentary:** *The shield of faith in God.* The word “shield” does not mean the small round shield which the soldier held in his hand to fight off the weapons of the enemy. It means the great oblong shield worn by the soldier to protect his body from the fiery darts thrown by the enemy. The darts were dipped in pitch or some other combustible material and set afire. When they struck, they served the purpose of small incendiary bombs. Satan has his fiery darts—those things that cause the believer...to question his salvation, to question his call, to question if he is worthy...Such fiery darts often assault the mind—one doubting and evil thought after the other—fighting against the will—struggling to get hold of the mind and subject it to doubt or evil. However, the sign of the Christian soldier is that of the shield of faith, faith in God—a complete and perfect trust that God will quench the darts of doubt and evil that attack him, that God will help him control his mind and conquer the evil doubts and thoughts. The Christian soldier’s consciousness of God’s presence is so great that *God’s presence* itself becomes his shield and defender.

**We Take Up The Shield Of Faith When We:**

**1. Trust In The Character Of God**

**Read Hebrews 11:6**

What are two requirements of faith?

**Read Psalm 57:1-2, 7**

Which character traits does King David point out?

Why was this important for David in His life?

How should we respond to God’s Character?

## **2. Obey When We Don't Understand Or Feel Like It**

### **Read Hebrews 11:7**

How difficult would it be for you to build a giant boat where there was no large body of water?

What did Noah's faith accomplish?

What is your faith accomplishing?

### **Read Jude 1:3-5**

What is Jude's warning for the church?

What does it mean to have a "license for immorality"?

What happens to people who are playing God for a fool?

## **3. Persevere In Difficult Circumstances**

### **Read Hebrews 11:24-26**

How can we relate to Moses' life choices?

### **Read Hebrews 11:33-35**

List some of the amazing victories of faith.

Is it considered a victory for those who died for their faith? If so, why?

## **4. Grow In Unity With Other Believers**

### **Read Ephesians 4:13-14**

How does maturity and unity of faith go together?

How does mature faith protect us?

### **Read Ephesians 4:15-16**

How does everyone working together encourage each other's faith?

What area can you serve to help build up the church?

Close in Prayer:

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