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Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-13

Ephesians 6:16

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3. Faith is the assurance that God’s promises have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Faith is living on the basis of things \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 11:1b

3. *“Above all*” may mean that the shield is to be used against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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