



Faith in Action

Hebrews 11:1, 6 (NASB) *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen... 6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

What is faith and where does it come from..

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NASB) *17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, 'IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.' 19 He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.*

- The sacrifice of something Abraham loved, but also it was his hope for the future.

Hebrews 11:24-27 (NASB) *24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.*

- Moses has, as his inheritance, all the privilege and position you could have ever hoped for, yet he walks away from it.

Hebrews 11:29 (NASB) *By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dryland; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.*

- The children of Israel are trusting that God is going to provide for them in an impossible situation.

Hebrews 11:30 (NASB) *By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.*

- Okay God, what's the strategy for defeating this enemy? God says we are going to "run the circle and shout."

Three important things about faith..

1) **FAITH** is a response to God's **REVELATION**.

2) **FAITH** is **ACTION**.

- People famous for their faith are prone to action.
- Because faith does not exist apart from action, faith is a conviction expressed in a choice. Your belief doesn't become faith until you act on it. Then it becomes obedience.

3) **FAITH** takes a bold dare on the **UNSEEN**.

- Are we really living by faith? Or, if faith completely left us, would our lives change at all?

Additional Notes:

scriptures that relate

Monday: Psalm 10
Tuesday: Hebrews 11

Wednesday: Romans 10
Thursday: Jeremiah 29

Friday: Psalm 97
Saturday: Hebrews 12

small groups—talk it over

1. What is faith?
2. Which Old Testament person inspires your faith?
3. How does God reveal Himself to you?
4. What action do you need to take to be obedient?
5. How is your confidence in God right now?

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Monday: Pray for VBS starting June 19. Pray for fun, safety and the transformed lives of kids and families.

Tuesday: Pray for our new Children's Pastor, Lesley, and husband, Mark, that God's hand is on their ministry.

Wednesday: Pray for Pastor Brian as he prepares and leads our church through Hebrews.

Thursday: Pray for those who are fighting alcoholism and addictions to lean on Jesus for healing.

Friday: Pray for the families and friends of those fighting addictions as they support them.

Saturday: Pray for all who come to hear the Gospel that they may find a saving relationship in Christ.