

SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1–12

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.”[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 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.

7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she[b] considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Mark 6:6

6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Luke 7:9

9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Philippians 3:12-14

James 2:22

22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

- 1. A faith that believes what it can't see.**
- 2. A faith that endures despite the outcome.**
- 3. A faith that leads to action when we don't understand.**

Two Questions:

- 1. Where is the area that I am tested most in my faith? What does this passage teach me about it?**
 - 2. What was the last step of faith that I've taken with the Lord and what was the result?**
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GROUP DISCUSSION

Please read the passage of Scripture together.

- 1. Share a time in your life where you had to rely on your faith in God.**
- 2. Read the passage of Scripture together.**
- 3. How did Pastor Luke describe true faith? For reference, Pastor Luke said: "There are two qualifications to a faith that pleases God: First, the writer tells us that a faith that pleases God believes that He exists. And second, a faith that pleases God is for those who earnestly seek Him."**
- 4. Who in your life modeled that true faith for you?**
- 5. Think back on Abraham and Noah, how did they exemplify faith in their circumstances?**
- 6. Where is an area of your life that you are tested most in faith? What does this passage teach me about it?**
- 7. What was the last step of faith you took with the Lord and what was the result?**