

FAITH – (Hebrews 11:1-3)

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MAIN IDEA—Christians are called by God to live a life of faith in God.

MEMORY VERSES—Heb. 10:38-39.

1. WHAT FAITH IS AND DOES (Heb. 11:1)—There are many different definitions of faith. These definitions seldom are satisfactory, because faith can be viewed from many sides like a beautiful diamond.

>Believing what the Lord tells us (**Mary - Lk. 1:45**).

>Being fully convinced that what God has promised He is able to perform; unwavering (**Abraham - Rom. 4:20-21**).

>Judging God faithful who has promised (**Sarah- See Heb. 11:1**).

Corrie Ten Boom (1882-1983)—*Faith is the fantastic adventure in trusting Him!*

*So faith is the foundation, believing that the future promise of God will come to pass (Assurance/Conviction - **Heb. 11:1**). **Eph. 2:8**

Living by faith is accepting as fact the truths of scripture that we cannot touch, feel or see, then acting on them. This faith causes us to seek and obey God, and God enjoys and rewards this kind of faith (Heb. 11:6**). **Ps. 119:89-91**

***Jesus mentioned different levels of faith. He mentioned great faith that simply takes God at His word regardless of the circumstances (**Lk. 7:1-10**), little faith which is hindered by anxiety or unbelief (**Mt. 6:32**), and no faith which is fear and rejecting the word of God (**Mk. 4:35-40**).

a) **Knowledge** involves knowing the promise of God or the truths of the Gospel (**Rom. 10:17**).

b) **Ascent** means you agree that the promise is true and you desire these promises. c) **Trust** is making a commitment to live based on the promise of God (following Christ). **Saying Yes to Christ! This is how we're born again. Believing & acting on God's promise.**

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2. WHAT FAITH PERCEIVES (Heb. 11:2)—Those who put their faith in God and in His word, not in this world and the evidence it presents, are those whom God approves. This verse sets up the rest of **Hebrews 11**. **Heb. 11:4-40** gives witness to these heroes of the Christian faith. In each person's individual account mentioned, the one thing that brought these witnesses God's approval was their faith.

3. WHAT FAITH PERCEIVES (Heb. 11:3)—Regarding the nature of the universe and all of creation of the beginning of all things, these things cannot be explained by evidence that is available to our eyes. Without faith we simply cannot even explain the world in which we exist (**Heb. 11:3**).

Jn. 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-17

Application: What are the practical implications of this passage on faith and centrality to the Christian life?

A.W. Pink (1886-1952)—*Out 'Faith' does not rest upon what appears outwardly, but is satisfied with the bare word of God. Since God created the universe out of nothing, how easily can He preserve and sustain us when there is not anything (to our view) in sight! He who can call worlds into existence by the word of His Power, can command supplies for the neediest of His creatures.*

1. Faith is how we receive the blessings of salvation (**Rom. 10:8-10**).
2. Faith sustains us in the midst of trial and difficulty (**2 Cor. 4:16-18**).
3. Faith makes us pleasing to God and more useful to others in this life (**Heb. 11:6**).

J.C. Ryle (1816-1900)—*In walking with God, a man will go just as far as he believes, and no further. His life will always be proportioned to his faith. His peace, his patience, his courage, his zeal, his works—all will be according to his faith. Why did they pray so much? Simply because they had much faith. What is prayer, but faith speaking to God/. Others might account their success to diligence and labor, to which he responds, 'What is Christian diligence but faith at work? Perhaps it was boldness, but what is Christian boldness, but faith honestly doing its duty? Faith is the root of a real Christians character. Let your root be right, and your fruit will soon abound. Your spiritual prosperity will always be according to your faith. He that believe to shall not only be saved, but shall never thirst, shall overcome, shall be established, shall walk firmly on the waters of this world and shall do great works.*

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HW — Practice these 5 ways to build your faith: 1. Prayer & feeding on God's word. 2. Listening to and singing songs filled with truth from God's word. 3. Looking for God's character and works when studying scripture. 4. Meditation on God's word (speaking it over your life). 5. Obedience to God's word and the leading of the Holy Spirit.