



# SERMON NOTES

## FAITH: BEYOND BELIEF

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HEBREWS 11:1-3

### □ FAITH IS REAL

- “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” – Hebrews 11:1
- **Faith (Pistis)** - assurance, belief, firm persuasion or conviction based on hearing
- Faith is ASSURANCE (confirmation, title deed) of the things we expect from God.
- It is tangible material, though it is not seen
- “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” – II Corinthians 5:7
- Faith is not based on FEELINGS, it is based on KNOWING
- It is about standing on the promises of God and His Word
- Faith does not BYPASS suffering; it often requires it

### □ FAITH IS RELEVANT

- “For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.” – Hebrews 11:2
- Faith is the substance (foundation) on which our lives are built
- Everyone possess the MEASURE of faith
- “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.” – Romans 12:3
- Faith is BELIEVING that God will do what He says He will do
- Faith is taking God at His Word!
- “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” – II Corinthians 1:20
- **God gives us a promise...**
- His promise PRODUCES faith in us
- **...then He fulfills His promises!**
- Faith requires us to believe *before* we see
- “Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’” – John 20:29
- Faith is KINGDOM CURRENCY
- Belief alone is not faith; TRUE faith requires action
- Faith without works is dead.

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- “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?” – James 2:20
- Faith comes by hearing, believing and doing (Romans 10:17)
- **FAITH IS RELIABLE**
  - “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” – Hebrews 11:3
  - We believe in the **INVISIBLE** to do the **IMPOSSIBLE**
  - Faith has **BENEFITS**
  - Faith **PLEASES** God (Hebrews 11:6)
  - Faith produces **RIGHTEOUSNESS**
  - “And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ And he was called the friend of God.” – James 2:23
  - Faith gives you **SECURITY**
  - “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.” – I John 5:13
  - Faith does the **IMPOSSIBLE**
  - “So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” – Matthew 17:20
  - You can’t **BUY** faith, but you *can*...**BY FAITH!** (Philippians 4:13)
  - Faith produces **GENERATIONAL** blessings
  - “By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise” – Hebrews 11:9

### DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FAITH BEYOND BELIEF?



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