Faith Is Not Always Easy

Wilson Adams · Hebrews 11:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- But we are not those who shrink back to destruction. But of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.
- I don't know anybody who doesn't need a deeper conviction and a stronger confidence in God, especially in those areas of our lives where we don't have all the answers.
- Faith is also what's going to get you through the hard times of life.

1 Faith Requires Assurance and Conviction

Hebrews 11:1

- The word assurance means to stand under something so that it is supported.
- Faith is what stands under you. Your faith will hold you up when everything else is falling apart.
- It's being convinced that he can handle it, that he's in charge, that he can pull this off.
- Real faith, Bible faith is not some kind of flimsy emotional thing.

2 Faith Points to the Future

Hebrews 11:1

- Faith points to the future. Because he says faith is the assurance of things hoped for.
- We tend to view tomorrow in the light of our ability rather than God's capability to handle whatever comes.
- Because I will never desert you. I will never leave you.
- God reminds us, faith goes future too. Take it with you.

3 Faith Involves the Unseen

Hebrews 11:1

- Faith is the conviction of things not seen. That's the hard part.
- Blessed are those who haven't seen. And they believe. And that's faith.
- Do you walk by faith? Or do you walk by sight?
- I'm going to trust God, even though I can't see where any of this is going.

4 Faith Is Basic to Pleasing God

Hebrews 11:2–3; Hebrews 11:6

- By faith we understand the worlds were prepared by the word of God so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.
- Can he not take your life right where it is today and on the basis of your faith make something out of what you think is an impossible situation?

- You can't please God when your spiritual tank is full of anything else except the one thing you have to have to fuel your life.
- Without faith, it is impossible to please God. You notice he doesn't say improbable?

5 Faith Means We Believe God Is Real

Hebrews 11:6

- Without faith, it is impossible to please God. For he who comes to God must believe that he is.
- Our reaction to life's hardships become a testimony to the people who know us as to whether or not our faith is real.
- Your faith better be real because little eyes are watching.

6 Faith Understands God Will Reward the One Who Seeks Him

Hebrews 11:6

- Not only must we believe God is, but that he is a rewarder of those who seek him.
- Lord, I believe in you. You take it, you handle it. You take over.
- Faith understands God rewards the person who seeks him diligently.

THE CHALLENGE

You better work on your faith. Because you're going to need it. We all need it.

MY NOTES