Faith Is ....

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INTRODUCTION

- I don't know that we could correctly say that Hebrews chapter 11 gives us really a definition of faith, but it certainly shows us what true acceptable godly faith will look like.
- When God comes back, when he comes in judgment, it will be faith that causes you to survive.

1 Faith Can See the Unseen

Hebrews 11:3; Hebrews 11:1

- 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 the things which are visible.
- Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen.
- To the Christian, our faith is not in the promise, our faith is in the promisor.

2 Faith Does What It Is Told, Walks With God

Hebrews 11:4; Hebrews 11:5; Genesis 5

- By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.
- Not just what is offered is important, but how it is offered.
- Faith also will do what the person in whom we've put our faith and trust in tells us to do.
- Faith speaks of a relationship that we'll have with the one in whom we have put our trust.

3 Faith Will Work and Do Whatever It Is Told

Hebrews 11:7; Hebrews 11:8–10; Hebrews 11:11–12

- By faith, Noah being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household.
- If faith is to believe whatever it's told, then faith is to do whatever it's told.
- By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance, and he went out not knowing where he was going.
- Because our faith is in God, we accept whatever we are told by that God.

4 Faith Will Sacrifice, Change Things and Worship

Hebrews 11:17–18; Hebrews 11:20–21; Hebrews 11:22

- By faith, Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac.
- If we are to be just and live by our faith, we're going to have to have a faith that will sacrifice, that worships God and sacrifices in our own lives.
- Faith is not just something that we offer to God, but it is something that God has offered to us an opportunity to believe in him and therefore to change our lives drastically and for the better.

- By faith, he worshiped. And certainly our faith will be demonstrated in our worship.
- He knew that was not his final resting place. He knew that God had a greater plan.

5 Faith Does What It Can and Does Not Compromise

Hebrews 11:23; Hebrews 11:24–26

- Faith will cause you to do what you can. No matter how big or how small it might be.
- Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.
- When it comes to our principles, when it comes to our morality, when it comes to our relationship to God, we will not bend.
- When it comes to the principles that God has laid forth, my faith will not compromise.

6 Faith Works Wonders, Works With All, and Will Cost

Hebrews 11:29; Hebrews 11:31; Hebrews 11:32–38

- By faith, when they pass through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians attempted to do so were drowned. Faith can work wonders.
- By faith, the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe when she had received the spies with peace.
- Faith will work on everybody if we'll submit in faith.
- Faith sometimes will cost us. When we decide, like Moses, that we're not going to compromise and we're going to make a stand.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you walk by faith as Enoch did? Would you obey the scriptures? Would you do whatever faith demands of you to do in your obedience to the gospel? Can we help you with that this morning?

MY NOTES