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By Faith

Hebrews 11

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Book of Hebrews

- Hybrid essay/sermon/letter
- The author is unnamed
- Written to Jewish Christians
- We don't know where they were
- The purpose is to prevent them from leaving the faith
- Written prior to 96AD, probably before 70AD
- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/hebrews/>

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What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1-3

**“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see.”**

Hebrews 11:1

**Faith is when belief
meets trust**



πίστις (Pistis): faith, belief

“Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works.”

James 2:20-22



**“This is what the ancients were
commended for”**

Hebrews 11:2

“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.”

Hebrews 11:3



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Hebrews 11:3

“Your love, Lord, reaches to
the heavens,

your faithfulness to the
skies.

Your righteousness is like
the highest mountains,

your justice like the great
deep.

You, Lord, preserve both
people and animals.”

Psalms 36:5-6



“When I consider your
heavens,
the work of your fingers, the
moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you
are mindful of them,
human beings that you care
for them?”

Psalms 8:3-4



“Sin is ultimately a refusal to believe that what God wants is my happiness and fulfillment.”

St. Ignatius of Loyola



What are you going to do?

- How might your sin stem from a lack of faith?
- What action steps can you take to begin building up your faith in those areas?