

What is Faith? Part One

Part One of Series

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV

1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Theme: Faith is a God-given ability. We all have been dealt a measure of faith Romans 12:3, to trust His Word above what we see, feel, or understand — and to live in a confident expectation of what He has promised. We may not see it right now, but we know it's there.

INTRODUCTION

Beloved, if there is one thing the Bible makes clear, it is this: **faith is essential**. Faith is not optional. Faith is not a bonus we receive. Faith is not for “super saints.” Faith is the foundation of the Christian life.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us, “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God

must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

It's not difficult. It's not challenging, **it is impossible to please God.**

So today, I want to answer a simple but powerful question: **What is faith?** Not the faith we talk about casually... not the faith we claim when things are easy... but the faith that Scripture describes. It's — It's the faith that moves mountains, receives promises, and carries us through every season of life.

Let's walk through the Word together.

I. FAITH IS TRUSTING GOD'S CHARACTER

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV says, “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Faith begins with God's character.

- Faith trusts that God is **good** even when life is not.

- Faith trusts that God is **faithful** even when people are not.
- Faith trusts that God is **unchanging** even when circumstances shift.

You cannot trust someone you do not know. Faith grows as revelation grows. The more you know Him, the easier it becomes to trust Him.

Say it with me: “Lord, I trust who You are.”

II. FAITH IS BELIEVING WHAT GOD HAS SAID

Romans 10:17 NKJV — “So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Faith is Word-born. Faith is not emotion. Faith is not positive thinking. Faith is not optimism.

But, faith **agrees with Scripture.**

When God speaks, faith responds. When God promises, faith believes. When God commands, faith obeys.

Just as a building needs a foundation, faith needs the Word. No Word... no faith. Little Word... little faith. Much Word... much faith.

III. FAITH IS SEEING BEYOND THE NATURAL

2 Corinthians 5:7 — *“We walk by faith, not by sight.”*

One translation says *“We live by faith, not by sight”*

Sight shows facts. Faith shows truth.

Sight reveals the natural. Faith reveals the supernatural.

Sight says, “This is what it looks like.” Faith says, “This is what God said.”

Abraham looked at his body and saw age. Faith looked at God’s promise and saw a son.

David looked at Goliath and saw a giant. Faith looked at God and saw a victory.

Faith is the ability to see **beyond** what is visible.

IV. FAITH IS SPEAKING WHAT GOD SPEAKS

Mark 11:23 NKJV — *“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says”*

Faith is not silent. Faith speaks.

Your confession is not a small thing — it is a spiritual steering wheel. Your words set direction. Your words reveal belief. Your words align you with God's will.

Faith says what God says. Faith declares what God promises. Faith refuses to repeat what fear whispers.

Say it boldly: “My mouth will match God’s Word.”

V. FAITH IS ACTING ON GOD’S WORD

James 2:17 — “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

Faith is not just believing — it is obeying. Faith moves. Faith acts. Faith steps out.

Every miracle in Scripture required a step of obedience:

- The widow had to pour the oil.
- The man with the withered hand had to stretch it out.
- The disciples had to cast the net again.

- Peter had to step out of the boat.

Faith acts **before** it sees results.

Faith says, “If God said it, I’m moving.”

VI. FAITH IS STANDING UNTIL GOD’S WORD COMES TO PASS

Hebrews 10:23 — *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”*

Faith is not fragile. Faith is persistent. Faith is stubborn in the right way.

Delays are not denials. Waiting is not wasted. Time does not weaken God’s Word.

Faith holds on when feelings fluctuate. Faith stands firm when circumstances shake. And Faith refuses to let go of what God has spoken.

Declare it: “I will stand until I see what God said.”

IN CONCLUSION: WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is:

- Trusting God's character
- Believing God's Word
- Seeing beyond the natural
- Speaking God's truth
- Acting in obedience
- Standing with endurance

Faith is not just a belief — it is a lifestyle. Faith is not just a moment — it is a walk. Faith is not just a feeling — it is a decision.

And when you walk in faith, you walk in the power, the promises, and the presence of God.

CALL TO RESPONSE

I want you to bring one area of your life under the authority of God's Word today. One place where you need to trust Him. One promise you need to stand on. One step you need to take.

Lift your hands and say: **“Lord, grow my faith. Strengthen my faith. Anchor my faith. I choose to walk by faith and not by sight.”**

Amen.

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