

St. Paul's Notes

EXTREME FAITH By Faith

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Hebrews 11:1-2

Everything by Faith

Faith is never meant to be a one-time experience.

"The righteous will live by his faith" Habakkuk 2:4

"by faith from first to last" Romans 1:17

The whole Christian life is a life of faith.

Why is faith so important?

Faith is the . . .

- 1) Way we receive everlasting life (John 6:47)
- 2) Means of access to God (Ephesians 3:12)
- 3) Only way to please God (Hebrews 11:6)
- 4) Victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4)
- 5) Key to answered prayer (Matthew 21:22)

What is faith and how does it work?

I. Faith Defined

Hebrews 11

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Vs. 1

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Vs. 1 (KJV)

It is the confident assurance that what we hope for will some day come to pass.

"This is what the ancients were commended for." Vs. 2

God loves it when his people dare to trust him.

Application

Holy Discontent

What is faith? _____, _____, _____

Faith believes what others do not believe.
Faith sees what others do not see.
Faith does what others do not do.

True faith is never passive.

II. Faith Applied

A. Faith is _____
but a conscious choice to believe what God has said.

B. Faith acts even in the face of _____.

*If we wait for our doubts to disappear,
we'll have to wait a long time.*

C. Faith sees _____.

“Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse.” Philip Yancey

Wherever He Leads

Biblical faith is never faith in faith, as if we were believing in our own powers of logic or self-persuasion.

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*If you decide to follow Jesus, he will ask you to do the impossible,
and then he will help you do it.*