

Faith Is

Hebrews 11:1-3 – Lesson 15

I. Introduction

“Poetic in its cadence, panoramic in its historical sweep, imminently relevant in its challenge, this chapter calls the believer to faithful endurance by use of voluminous testimony from the lives of ancient saints.” Unknown

II. What Does FAITH Look Like?

Hebrews 11:1

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 1:6

A. Faith is not...

1. **Emotional**
2. **Optimism**
3. **About US**

B. What faith is...

*“Faith is believing the present tense of God. It is not believing something but believing a Person!”
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1. **Future** certainty

- a. The confidence in the “**foundation**”
- b. The confidence in the “**gospel**”

2. **Visual** certainty

- a. The ability to see the invisible **order** of **things**.
- b. The ability is created into the **makeup** of **man**.

Our whole existence is based on faith in the unknown and unseen. Spiritual faith operates in the realm of that capacity.

III. What Actions are Produced by Faith?

Hebrews 11:2

The leaders of the past had less to build their faith on, and yet they BELIEVED God’s Word.

IV. What Understanding is Produced by Faith?

Hebrews 11:3

How many times we have stood in amazement at some aspect of God’s character!

- A. We understand the **universe**.
- B. We are called to **BOLD living**.

Are we ready to step out and live a radical life based on God’s definition of faith?

“Not by might or by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord Almighty.”

Zechariah 4:6