

Incredible Faith Part 3

Living by faith

The disciples asked or prayed in Luke 17:5. **“Lord, increase our faith.”**

Bible says, **“The righteous will live by his faith”**

Why is faith so important? Faith is the . . .

- 1) Condition of justification (**Romans 5:1**).
- 2) Way we receive everlasting life (**John 6:47**).
- 3) Means of access to God (**Ephesians 3:12**).
- 4) Only way to please God (**Hebrews 11:6**).
- 5) Victory that overcomes the world (**1 John 5:4**).
- 6) Key to answered prayer (**Matthew 21:22**).
- 7) Title deed to all that God has promised (**Hebrews 11:1**)

Augustine - Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

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

Life of faith means

1. **Accepting God’s call without knowing where it will lead.** Hebrews 11:8 “obeyed and went.”

Living by faith means stepping out for God and leaving the results to him.

2. **Obedying When I Don’t Understand It** Hebrews 11:8

Hebrews 11:27, "By faith [Moses] left Egypt, not being afraid of the king"

3. **Waiting on God to keep his promises.** Hebrews 11:9
4. **Persisting When I Don’t Feel Like It** Hebrews 11:27
5. **Is Trusting If I Don’t Get It** Hebrews 11:39-4,

Faith is not merely you holding on to God--it is God holding on to you.

Faith in God will not get for you everything you may want, but it will get for you what God wants you to have.

6. **Never taking your eyes off heaven.** Hebrews 11:10.

Following God’s will doesn’t guarantee worldly success.

Hebrews 11:33-38

From cover to cover, the Bible reveals two kinds of faith.

So what can you do when God seems silent?

1. **Pray honestly.** Tell God exactly how you feel and let his Holy Spirit comfort you.
2. **Read your Bible to discover God.** Discover his character traits and nature. Ask the Holy Spirit to make himself real to you through His Word.
3. **Focus on the Cross and the Empty Tomb.**