

Daily Devotional. September 14, 2020 True, Unbridled Faith

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Faith can sometimes be confusing to us, especially during these uncertain times of COVID-19. We may start to wonder what faith is. Or even if we have it. It is during these times we should look to God's Words for answers, surrounding our faith.

What is faith? The Bible teaches us that faith is having confidence in what God has revealed in His Word, and that it will unquestionably come to pass. Faith is, accepting God's Word as being entirely dependable and an indisputable fact. Faith tells us to take God at His Word, because all that He has promised us in Christ is secure.

Abraham trusted God's promise to him of new land and descendants. It took a long time for these promises to be fulfilled, yet Abraham stayed faithful and trusted God. And because of his faith, God fulfilled His promises to Abraham.

Abraham's faith teaches us that faith is the unshakeable confidence, that all God has said will be established and does not hinge on mere possibilities. Faith is evidence not seen. It is like seeing a picture of a place we have never visited, but we believe the place exists. This is faith at work. And this is what Hebrews 11:1 is saying to us. Faith is not based on our sight or senses, but rests on God's Word. There are many promises in the Bible, and though we cannot always see the outcomes, we choose to believe that God's promises are true.

Faith is beyond our intellect and cannot be penetrated though our opinions or impressions. It's beyond our dimension of thought because it is the substance of facts that are conceived in the mind of God. To have faith is to have a beginning point and an ending point. The beginning point is believing in God's character. He *is* who He says He is; and the end point of our belief is trusting in God's promises. That is, He *will do* what He says.

God does not change His mind, nor does God speak a word He has failed to act upon. He has never made a promise that has not been fulfilled.

"Therefore, do not waiver in your faith and in God's promises to you," Hebrews 10:23 (NIV) Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Faith is not complicated; it is just believing the things God has promised will come to pass!

Prayer: Father, thank you for the revelation of faith. Even during these times of uncertainty, we have the confidence in knowing You are in control. Father you know the beginning and the ending. Therefore, we trust in the promises You have made to us, because Your word is always yes and amen.

Father thank you for loving and protecting us and sending your Holy Spirit to remind us that the good works you have started in us will come to pass. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.