

**First Friends Church  
Hebrews Sermon Series  
“Experiencing Faith as Trust in Jesus”  
P.R.A.Y. Scripture**

In the New Testament the Greek the word *pistis* is translated “faith”. The biblical concept of faith is closer to our concept of trust. Faith is God’s gift of persuasion to us that He exists and is trustworthy. We build our faith as the experience of trust in God by *HEARING* God speak, *SEEING* God’s faithfulness in the past, *THINKING* and meditating on the truth of God’s Word, *FEELING* and experiencing his presence, and *ACTING* on God’s instructions through obedience.

**Theme Verses**

Our theme verses for this sermon series are Hebrews 11:1 and Hebrews 12:1-2. Would you consider memorizing these two verses over the next twelve weeks?

<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Verse</b>
Hebrews 11:1	NIV	Now <b>faith</b> is <b>confidence</b> in what we <u>hope</u> for and <b>assurance</b> about what we <u>do not see</u> .
	NRSV	Now faith is the <b>assurance</b> of things hoped for, the <b>conviction</b> of things not seen.
	TPT	Now faith brings our hopes into <b>reality</b> and becomes the <b>foundation</b> needed to acquire the things we long for.
Hebrews 12:1-2	NIV	Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on <b>Jesus</b> , the <b>pioneer</b> and <b>perfecter of faith</b> .

**Sermon Topics and P.R.A.Y. Scripture Assignments**

Following are the sermon topics for this 12-week series along with recommended reading from the P.R.A.Y. Scripture book and scripture references for weekly Bible reading.

<b>Week of September 9th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Hebrews Introduction: Experiencing Faith as Trust
Sermon Text	Hebrews 11-12:3
P.R.A.Y. Scripture book	Read pages 5-19 and Appendix 1
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Hebrews 11:8-12; Hebrews 11:17-19; Hebrews 12:1-3
Weekly Bible reading	Hebrews 11 – 12:3; Psalm 90
Optional Video	<a href="http://www.thebibleproject.com">www.thebibleproject.com</a> Book of Hebrews Overview

<b>Week of September 16th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Hear: Trusting Jesus as God's Message and Messenger
Sermon Text	Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:1-4
P.R.A.Y. Scripture book	Read pages 21-23 and Appendix 5
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Hebrews 1:1-3; Hebrews 2:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18
Weekly Bible reading	Hebrews 1 and 2; Psalm 2
Optional Video	<a href="http://www.thebibleproject.com">www.thebibleproject.com</a> Shema

<b>Week of September 23rd</b>	
Sermon Topic	Hear: Trusting Jesus as God's Promised Sabbath Rest
Sermon Text	Hebrews 3:4:11
P.R.A.Y. Scripture book	Read pages 25-28
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Hebrews 3:1-6; Hebrews 3:7-19; Hebrews 4:1-13
Weekly Bible reading	Hebrews 3 – 4:1-13; Psalm 95
Optional Video	<a href="http://www.thebibleproject.com">www.thebibleproject.com</a> Law

<b>Week of September 30th</b>	
Sermon Topic	See: Trusting Jesus as Our Sympathetic High Priest for Atonement
Sermon Text	Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 4:14-16
P.R.A.Y. Scripture book	Read pages 29-32
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 5:11-14; Hebrews 6:13-20
Weekly Bible reading	Hebrews 4:14-6:20; Psalm 110
Optional Video	<a href="http://www.thebibleproject.com">www.thebibleproject.com</a> Atonement

<b>Week of October 7th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Think: Trusting Jesus as the Mediator of God's New Covenant
Sermon Text	Hebrews 3:1-2; Hebrews 8:1-6
P.R.A.Y. Scripture book	Read pages 33-35
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Hebrews 7:11-28; Hebrews 8:1-6; Hebrews 8:7-13
Weekly Bible reading	Hebrews 7 – 8; Jeremiah 31:31-37
Optional Video	<a href="http://www.thebibleproject.com">www.thebibleproject.com</a> Covenants

<b>Week of October 14th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Feel: Trusting Jesus by Experiencing His Presence.
Sermon Text	Hebrews 6:19; Hebrews 9-10
P.R.A.Y. Scripture book	Read pages 39-41
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Hebrews 9:11-14; Hebrews 9:23-28; Hebrews 10:19-25
Weekly Bible reading	Hebrews 9 – 10; Exodus 24
Optional Video	<a href="http://www.thebibleproject.com">www.thebibleproject.com</a> Messiah

<b>Week of October 21st</b>	
Sermon Topic	Act: Trusting Jesus as We Obey Him
Sermon Text	Hebrews 12:1-17
P.R.A.Y. Scripture book	Read pages 43-49
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Hebrews 12:4-17; Hebrews 12:18-29; Hebrews 13:1-8
Weekly Bible reading	Hebrews 12 – 13; Deuteronomy 6
Optional Video	<a href="http://www.thebibleproject.com">www.thebibleproject.com</a> Justice

<b>Week of October 28th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Stories of Faith: Trusting Jesus On Mission (Project 51 Mission Sunday)
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	(Abraham) Genesis 12; Genesis 13; Genesis 14

<b>Week of November 4th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Stories of Faith: God's Covenant with Abraham
Sermon Text	Genesis 15
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Genesis 15; Genesis 16; Genesis 17

<b>Week of November 11th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Stories of Faith: God's Provision for Abraham
Sermon Text	Genesis 22
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Genesis 18; Genesis 19; Genesis 22

<b>Week of November 18th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Stories of Faith: God's Covenant with Jacob
P.R.A.Y. Scripture passages	Genesis 28; Genesis 32:22-32; Genesis 35

<b>Week of November 25th</b>	
Sermon Topic	Stories of Faith: God's Rescue Plan and Savior – Moses to Jesus