

WHY FAITH MATTERS

Hebrews 11:1-3

- Real faith is based upon assurance and evidence.
- Real faith credits to us cleansing righteousness.
- Real faith believes God makes the impossible possible.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Discuss what you believe faith is. Why would God desire your faith more than your works?
2. Read Hebrews 11:1. Discuss what assurance, and conviction by evidence, means. How does this relate to your hope in things we can't see?
3. In what ways does the Old Testament assure us and give us evidence of Jesus being our Savior? Hebrews 1:1 – 4; 8:7 - 10; 9:18 – 22; 10: 1 – 7.
4. Read verse 2 and Genesis 16:6. What did Abraham do to be credited righteousness? What did he believe in, and how does that relate to us? Read also Hebrews 10:19 – 23.
5. If we don't believe in God's promise, what do we receive instead of His righteousness? Hebrews 10:26 – 31.
6. Read verse 3. Why does believing that God could make the universe out of nothing but His word matter? What are some other things God did in the OT and NT that made the impossible possible? How does this relate to our hopeless sinful condition?
7. What are some things you can do this week to increase your faith and to not shrink back from what you believe is true? Hebrews 10:35 - 39



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