

**Faith's Description**  
**"By Faith" Sermon Series; Part 1**  
*Hebrews 11:1-3*

**Theme:** Faith is the confident response to God's truth and promises by which we acquire God's approval.

1. **Faith's Characterization:** Faith r\_\_\_\_\_ God's reality. (v. 1)
2. **Faith's Commendation:** Faith r\_\_\_\_\_ God's approval. (v. 2)
3. **Faith's Comprehension:** Faith r\_\_\_\_\_ God's power. (v. 3)

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**Questions to Ponder**

1. What are some of the promises of God that you are hoping for? How can faith make those things real to you in the present?
2. Why must we *possess* faith rather than merely *profess* it?
3. How can you better prepare yourself to respond to God's Word with confident faith? What do you need to pray for in light of Hebrews 11:1-3?

**An Exhortation to Increase Your Faith**  
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1. Work faith up in a way of **meditation**. Dwell on the subject often. (Matthew 6:21)
2. Work faith up in a way of **argumentation**. Faith is a *reasoning* grace. It convinces the soul. (Rom. 6:11, 8:18; Heb. 11:19)
3. Work faith up in a way of **expectation**. Look for it, long for it, wait for it. (Titus 2:13; Jude 21)
4. Work faith up in a way of **supplication**. Pray for it. (Luke 17:5)
5. Work faith up in your **conversation** (old King James language for "manner" or "walk"). Your way of life should reflect your calling and citizenship as a Christian. (Eph. 4:1; Phil. 1:27, 2:12; 3:20)