



# "Faith and Unseen Things"

## Living by Faith Series

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### Introduction

1 **Now faith is the assurance of [things] hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.** 2 For by it the men of old gained approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. 6 **And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.** 7 **By faith Noah, being warned [by God] about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.** [Heb 11:1-7 NASB95]

### Living by faith is...

#### 1. ...overcoming life's \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 1) ...the assurance of things \_\_\_\_\_ for.

1 Now faith is **the assurance of [things] hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.** [11:1]

##### 2) ...qualified by \_\_\_\_\_ to God's will.

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, **ask whatever you wish**, and it will be done for you. [Jhn 15:7 NASB95]

14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we **ask anything according to His will**, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us [in] whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. [1Jo 5:14-15 NASB95]

42 saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet **not My will, but Yours be done.**" [Luk 22:42 NASB95]

#### 2. ...absolute confidence in God and in His \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 1) ...knowing an unseen God \_\_\_\_\_.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God **must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.** [Heb 11:6 NASB95]

##### 2) ...knowing a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with God as our Father.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] **He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.** [Heb 11:6 NASB95]

3 "This is eternal life, that **they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom You have sent. [Jhn 17:3 NASB95]

### 3. ...is believing God concerning things not yet \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### 1) ...listening to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- 7 By faith Noah, being warned [by God] about things not yet seen, in **reverence** prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. [Heb 11:7 NASB95]
- εὐλαβέομαι eulabéomai, yoo-lab-eh'-om-ahee; middle voice from G2126; to be circumspect, i.e. (by implication) to be apprehensive; religiously, **to reverence:—(moved with) fear**.
- 42 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea. [Mar 9:42]

#### 2) ...proving our faith with \_\_\_\_\_.

- 7 By faith Noah, being warned [by God] about things not yet seen, **in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household**, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. [Heb 11:7 NASB95]
- ILL. Often going where no one has gone before out of fear or praise of men.

#### 3) ...\_\_\_\_\_ when we worship.

- 7 By faith Noah, being warned [by God] about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by **which he condemned the world**, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. [Heb 11:7 NASB95]

### We testify when we speak the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's word.

#### ✳ ...to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 "Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak. [Deu 32:1 NASB95]
- 10 Therefore the woman ought to have [a symbol of] authority on her head, because of the angels. [1Co 11:10 NASB95]
- 12 "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has [only] a short time." [Rev 12:12 NASB95]

#### ✳ ...to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 "Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak; And **let the earth hear the words of my mouth**.
- 2 "Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As the droplets on the fresh grass And as the showers on the herb. 3 "For I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God! 4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He. [Deu 32:1-4 NASB95]
- 2 Listen, O heavens, and **hear, O earth**; For the LORD speaks, "Sons I have reared and brought up, But they have revolted against Me. [Isa 1:2 NASB95]

#### ✳ ...by word or \_\_\_\_\_.

- 172 **Let my tongue sing of Your word**, For all Your commandments are righteousness. [Psa 119: 172 NASB95]

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### 4) ... \_\_\_\_\_ **that God alone is our Savior.**

- 41 Vav. *May Your lovingkindnesses also come to me, O LORD, **Your salvation according to Your word**; [Psa 119:41 NASB95]*
- 42 *So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, **For I trust in Your word**. [Psa 119:42 NASB95]*
- 50 *This is my comfort in my affliction, That **Your word has revived me**. [Psa 119:50 NASB95]*
- 58 *I sought Your favor with all [my] heart; **Be gracious to me according to Your word**. [Psa 119:58 NASB95]*
- 76 *O may Your lovingkindness **comfort me, According to Your word** to Your servant. [Psa 119:76 NASB95]*
- 116 ***Sustain me according to Your word**, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope. [Psa 119:116 NASB95]*
- 154 *Plead my cause and redeem me; **Revive me according to Your word**. [Psa 119:154 NASB95]*
- 170 *Let my supplication come before You; **Deliver me according to Your word**. [Psa 119:170 NASB95]*
- 114 ***You are my hiding place and my shield; I wait for Your word**. [Psa 119:114 NASB95]*
- 82 *My **eyes fail [with longing] for Your word**, While I say, "When will You comfort me?" [Psa 119:82 NASB95]*
- 169 *Vav. Let my cry come before You, O LORD; **Give me understanding according to Your word**. [Psa 119:169 NASB95]*
- 133 ***Order my steps in thy word**: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. [Psa 119:133 KJV]*
- 33 *"He who has received His **testimony** has set his seal to [this,] that **God is true**. [Jhn 3:33 NASB95]*

## Conclusion

*Faith in unseen things we cannot see or touch. We can't control them.*

**Godly discipline = profit for life now and life to come > bodily discipline little profit**

*7 ...On the other hand, **discipline** yourself for the purpose of **godliness**; 8 for **bodily discipline** is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and [also] for the [life] to come. [1Ti 4:7-8 NASB95]*