



BY FAITH THERE IS NO OTHER WAY Devotion And Discussion Guide

Hebrews 11:1-2 ESV

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation.

Hebrews 11:1-2 TPT

Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for. It is all the evidence required to prove what is still unseen. ² This testimony of faith is what previous generations were commended for.

Opening Thoughts:

- What is the greatest lesson God is working to teach you at this time in your life? As you walk through trials, tests, and tribulation, what is He trying to teach you?
- The writer of Hebrews offers up examples of heroes of the faith. This testimony of faith is what previous generations were commended for.
- As you read through chapter 11 of Hebrews, who is your favorite hero of faith? How can they be an example and encouragement to you in your walk of faith? Would you be commended for your testimony of faith?
- God calls us to a faith journey where we simply believe Him, trust Him, follow Him regardless of the circumstances or the impossibilities.
- God calls us to live by faith, there is no other way.

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- The writer of Hebrews offers up examples of heroes of the faith. They were all flawed, yet He called them to believe for the bold, the audacious, the impossible.
- Abraham is known as the father of faith. His promise to Abraham was that He would make him into a great nation.
- God asked Abraham three questions, and He asks these same questions of us today.

1) Will You Believe Me for an Invisible Future?

- Read Hebrews 11:8-12. God called Abraham from what was visible (his country/career), to believe for what was invisible. God called Abraham from a present family, to believe for a future family.
- Reflect on the question above and consider your present reality in contrast with your invisible future. What big bold thing is God calling you to? What promise is HE asking you to believe for? How can you let go of your familiar present and reach for your unfamiliar future?

- Life Principle: The only way to see what you have never seen before is to do what you have never done before.

2) Will You Still Believe Me When It Looks Impossible?

- Read Hebrews 11:11-12. Sarah and Abraham finally conceived when she was 89 and he was 99 years old.
- Read Genesis 15:6 and Hebrews 11:6. When God made the promise to Abraham, He didn't tell him it was going to take 25 years. What did Abraham have in the waiting that was credited to him as righteousness? What did the writer of Hebrews say pleases God? What promise are you waiting for? Are you pleasing God with your faith as you wait? How long are you willing to wait?
- Life Principle: Faith makes the impossible possible. Nothing more, nothing less.

3) Will You Give Me the One Thing You Most Want to Keep?

- Read Hebrews 11:17-19. From Abraham's perspective nothing made sense. God fulfilled His promise gave him a son and then asked him to sacrifice the son He promised. What was God testing in Abraham? What was the purpose of the testing?
- God knows how to find that thing you desperately want to hold on to and test you there. Where are you being tested? How can you respond with radical obedience, even when it doesn't make sense?
- Life Principle: Radical faith looks like radical obedience. Radical faith in God produces radical results.

Application:

- **Key Takeaway: God's aim is to teach us unwavering faith in Him.**
- Faith is a muscle that grows through testing. God asked Abraham to give Him the very thing he most desperately wanted to hold on to. What has God called you to do that may look outrageous? What is one thing that God is asking you to place the altar to unlock your promise?
- Your bold faith journey will take you places you have never gone before.