

## WEEK 75 BY FAITH

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*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

**Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV)**

### **FAITH DEFINED**

BUILT UPON SUBSTANCE—FACTS GATHERED FROM THE REVELATION OF GOD IN THE BIBLE

FEEDS CONFIDENT EXPECTATIONS—WHY WE SEE THINGS THE WAY WE DO AND WHY WE MAKE CHOICES AND DECISIONS THE WAY WE DO

PROVIDES EVIDENCE—INWARD CONVICTION FROM GOD BY WAY OF HIS WORD

- WHATEVER BEGINS TO EXIST HAS A CAUSE
- THE UNIVERSE BEGAN TO EXIST
- THEREFORE THE UNIVERSE HAS A CAUSE

EVERYONE HAS A BEGINNING POINT OF SOMETHING IN WHICH THEY PLACE THEIR FAITH

- EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS HAS AN EXPLANATION OF ITS EXISTENCE
- IF THE UNIVERSE HAS AN EXPLANATION OF ITS EXISTENCE, THAT EXPLANATION IS GOD
- THE UNIVERSE EXISTS
- THEREFORE THE UNIVERSE HAS AN EXPLANATION OF ITS EXISTENCE

THE OBJECT OF YOUR FAITH DETERMINES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUR FAITH

YOUR FAITH DETERMINES HOW YOU LIVE AND YOUR WORLDVIEW

WHY DO YOU LIVE THE WAY YOU DO? WHY DO YOU VIEW ISSUES OF THE WORLD THE WAY YOU DO?

ARE YOU READY TO ANSWER FOR THE CONFIDENT EXPECTATIONS YOU HAVE?

A COMPASS GIVES GUIDANCE BASED UPON A FIXED REFERENCE POINT—TRUE NORTH

YOU HAVE A COMPASS—HOW RELIABLE IS IT?

*“True Bible faith is confident obedience to God's Word in spite of circumstances and consequences.” Warren Wiersbe*

Faith, trust, believe—the connection to God—engaging with Him

### **FAITH WORKS**

FAITH WORKS WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING (VS 8-10)

FAITH WORKS WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GOD WILL ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL (VS 11-12; 17-19)

FAITH WORKS WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN HE WILL FULFILL HIS PROMISE VS 13-16)

FAITH WORKS BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE FUTURE

FAITH NOT ONLY ENGAGES YOU WITH GOD, IT KNITS YOU TO HIM

*From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. <sup>6</sup> Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" <sup>68</sup> But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **John 6:66-69 (NKJV)***

*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup> that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." **Deut 30:19-20 (NKJV)***