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Weird Live by Faith

Do you ever see a person do something weird when they are watching their favorite sports team?

Big Idea: Allow faith to saturate every area of your life!

- 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV – ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight.

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-6 NLT – Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. ² Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. ³ By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. ⁴ It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel’s offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. ⁵ It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—“he disappeared, because God took him.” For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. ⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

What does it mean to live by faith?

- Choosing to believe that God exists even when we can’t see Him
 - Hebrews 11:6 NLT – ⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.
 - Romans 1:20 NLT – ²⁰ For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.
 - Hebrews 12:1 NLT – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.
- Aligning our lives with the truth of His Word

- Hebrews 4:12 NLT – ¹² For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
- Mark 12:30-31 NLT – ³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’
- Approaching our day and decisions believing and knowing that God is with you and involved
 - James 2:19-20 NLT – ¹⁹ You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. ²⁰ How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

How much does your faith in God impact your daily life?

Next Steps

- Memorize: 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV – For we live by faith, not by sight.
- Evaluate: Does my faith in God impact my day and daily decisions or is it a “Sunday only” faith?
- Action: As you carry out your day, invite God to direct your connections with others and give you the right words to say.