

## Hebrews 11:1-10, 13

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God...

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

## Ephesians 6:16

<sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.



### The Shield of Faith (part 2) *Ephesians 6:10-18, Hebrews 11:1-10, 13*

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## THE DYNAMICS OF FAITH

1. Faith is **RATIONAL**.
2. Faith is **PERSONAL**.
  - o And it's first initiated by God **CALLING** you.
3. Faith is **FOUNDATIONAL**.
4. Faith is **GRACEFUL**.

## SAVING FAITH

1. Saving faith *before* Christ was *looking* **FORWARD**, in faith, to God's atoning sacrifice, the Messiah.
2. Saving faith *after* Christ is *looking* **BACK**, in faith, to God's atoning sacrifice, Jesus Christ.
3. Abraham had the power live the sort of big life he lived, just in the **ANTICIPATION** of this grace. How much more can you and I do so by looking directly and the **FULFILLMENT** of this grace?

## USING FAITH

1. What Jesus has done for you and me is the **SUBSTANCE** of our faith... but we've got to **PLACE** our faith in that, and **PICK** it up as our one defense.
2. When God calls you to obey him, you don't know **WHERE** you're going, but you know with **WHOM** you're going.



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## GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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### GETTING STARTED

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, **was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, inspired or confused you?**

### DIGGING DEEPER

2. **Read Hebrews 11:1-10, 13**

**How does learning about the faith of these ancient people of help you in your own faith?**

3. **How would you describe what these ancient Fathers of the faith were placing their faith in?**

### GETTING PERSONAL

4. When you think about FAITH being the following things, **which one helps you most, and why?**

- Faith is RATIONAL.
- Faith is PERSONAL.
  - Initiated by God CALLING you.

- Faith is FOUNDATIONAL.
- Faith is GRACEFUL (full of God's grace at every turn).

5. Consider this quote from the Sunday sermon: *What Jesus has done for you and me is the SUBSTANCE of our faith... but we've got to PLACE our faith in that, and PICK it up as our one defense.*

**How can trusting what Jesus has done for you (the substance of the shield of faith) enable you to live by faith in God this week (picking up the shield)?**

### BRINGING IT HOME

6. **How does this truth help you... or does it?**

*"When God calls you to obey him, you don't know WHERE you're going, but you know with WHOM you're going."*

7. **What is one way you'd like to take action based on this week's sermon?**

*Or...*

**What is one thing the Holy Spirit is leading you to do?**

### PRAY TOGETHER