



Main Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3

Confident in faith (v 1)

Commended for faith (v 2)

(Heb 11:6, Matt 13:58)

Creation by faith (v 3)

How do I grow my faith?

1. Read the word. It's a rich source of kingdom information for your soul and spirit. You can't have faith in what you don't know. (John 20:31, Romans 10:17)
2. It's not enough to just read the Bible, but are you applying it to the everyday decisions you make?
3. Surround yourself with people of faith. Encourage one another. (Proverbs 13:20, Hebrews 10:24-25)
4. Read good Christian books, such as biographies (Billy Graham, C.S Lewis for example), a commentary or theology book to expand your knowledge of the Bible and God.
5. Trust God in the midst of physical, emotional or relational pain. We seem to grow better during the tough periods of life, not during the easy times of life.
6. Eliminate sin's destruction and distraction from your life. If we are grieving the Holy Spirit, that will not be the soil in which to grow our faith.
7. Learn to pray. Let faith lead you to praying bigger and bolder prayers.
8. Look for ways to help others in need. God will show up in those moments, especially if you're over your head or ability.

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The Small Group Sermon Study

Hebrews 11:1-3



Prayer: Father, we thank You for all You have done for us. We pray in Jesus’ name that You would work in our hearts and minds today. Holy Spirit, we invite You into this place today as we read and discuss.

Review the key points of the sermon.

- What did you like and appreciate about this message?
- What was something that you learned from this message?

Read the key passages of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. How have you seen faith at play within our small group? What has this looked like?
2. 2 Corinthians 13:5 tells us to examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith; we should be testing ourselves. What are some ways that you are examining yourself and your faith? How have you seen this wrestling in your own life?
3. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. How can we practically look at the difference faith makes in our lives right now?
4. Pastor Al mentions three words that are close relatives of faith: trust, belief and confidence. Which of these words do you find you associate with faith the most in your life? Why did you choose that word?
5. Pastor Al talks about how in Hebrews 11:3, the author indicates that we need faith as we journey through life. How can our small group lean in together to uphold one another as we continue to live life against the grain of what culture may say?

Personal Reflection: *Silently re-read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.*

- What emotions does this passage, or the key theme, stir up in your heart? How will you manage those emotions as you carry on through your week?
- What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what Jesus is showing you?
- What word, phrase, verse or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

Prayer: *Spend some time praying for one another (that we would continue to build our faith and experience God’s favour and blessings in our lives).*