



Message Series Guide

Nothing Greater
Part 9 – What is faith?
Hebrews 11:1-3; 6

Have you ever stopped and thought—really thought—about the word *faith*? In the simplest terms, faith means believing in something. It means trusting something or someone to be true and dependable. Everyone has faith in something, and probably in many things. For example, when we flip on a light switch, we're demonstrating faith that electricity will flow to the light fixtures in the room allowing us to see what's there. There are endless examples of faith in everyday life. But what does God say about faith? Let's talk about faith as it is defined, described, and exemplified in the written Word of God. Christianity is built on a foundation of faith. Christians believe by faith that God exists. They believe by faith to be saved and receive an eternal home in heaven (Ephesians 2:8). When you read the Bible you quickly learn that the most important need of every single person is to be found righteous before God and the Gospel tells us how God makes us right in His sight...and this is received **by faith**.

READ:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6 | Isaiah 64:6 | Ephesians 2:8 | 2 Corinthians 5:7 | Hebrews 10:38

- How would you articulate faith to someone?
- What are some different ways people define faith in our culture?

DISCUSS:

- What does “assurance” mean? What are the things which you hope for?
- What does conviction mean? What are the things which we don't see that as Christians we believe in?
- What are some of the things that have helped you to grow stronger in your faith?
- What are those things that God's word tells us will strengthen our faith?
- In what areas of faith have you grown in the past 6 months?
- What are some areas of difficulty for your faith?
- How do you hope that in the coming weeks, this study will address some of those?

PRAY:

Spend time praying that God will grow your faith and your dependence on Him.

RESPOND:

We have faith that God will save us, and we have faith that God will sustain us. Spend time resting in this truth this week.