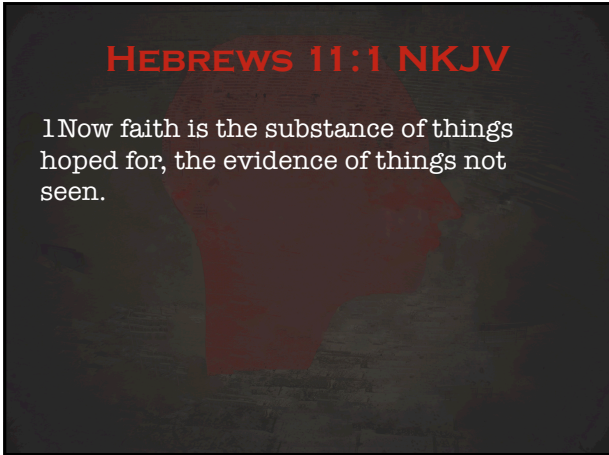
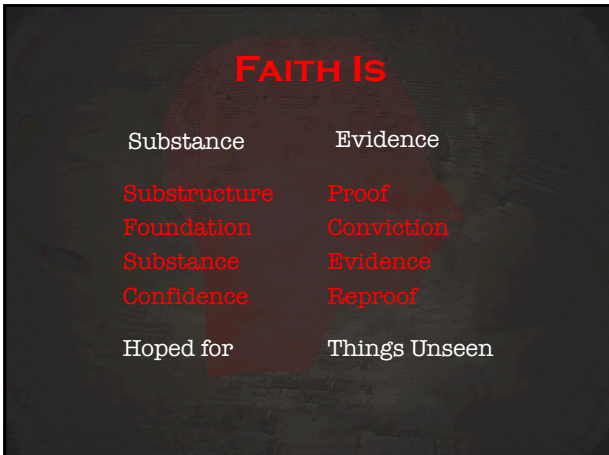


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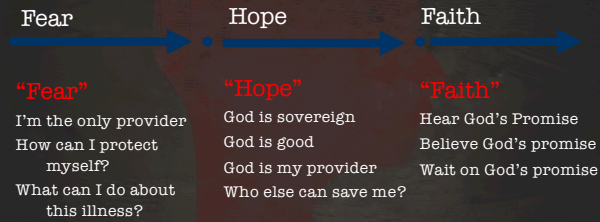
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FEAR CHEAPENS US

“Fear is the cheapest room in the house. I'd like to see you in better living conditions.”

4

GROWING IN FAITH



5

HOPE

Hope is the **anticipation** of God's **goodness** in the area of our need

6

FAITH

Faith is **hope** strengthened by spiritual evidence to become **confidence** in God

7

GENESIS 15

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

8

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

1. No child and no prospect of a child
2. Abram just fought a major war
3. Abram gave up a fortune in war spoils
4. Abram rejected the King of Sodom
5. Lot was only potential heir but chooses king of Sodom even after the rescue

9

GOD'S SPIRITUAL EVIDENCE

Spiritual Evidence	
Fear Not	Don't stay in Fear the evidence. Build Faith on hope
I AM Your Shield	Use me as a small shield to battle these quick thoughts
I AM your Reward	Use my covenant with you to make demands on my promises

10

FAITH IS

1. Faith is hope with spiritual evidence

11

REWARD

sâkâr, saw-kawr'; from H7936; payment of a contract; salary, compensation, benefit, reward, wages.

12

ROMANS 4

17as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
 18In [spiritual] hope he believed against [physical] hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

13

FIGHT OF FAITH

The struggle to reach a triumphant state of heart and mind that rests in the truth of God and is filled with confidence in God.
 1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called...

14

PRAYER OF FAITH

Lord, I ask you give me the spiritual evidence to walk by faith in the midst of trouble in my life. Help me nurture hope into a faith that is pleasing to you. Amen

15

FAITH IS

- 1. Faith is hope with spiritual evidence
- 2. Share our struggle with God

16

GENESIS 15

2But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

17

PSALM 86:11

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

18

1 JOHN 3:2 -3

2...but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

19

FAITH

Faith is hope strengthened by spiritual evidence to become confidence in God

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FAITH IS

1. Faith is hope with spiritual evidence
2. Share our struggle with God
3. God will bring a fresh Word to build our faith.

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GENESIS 15

4And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."

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GENESIS 15

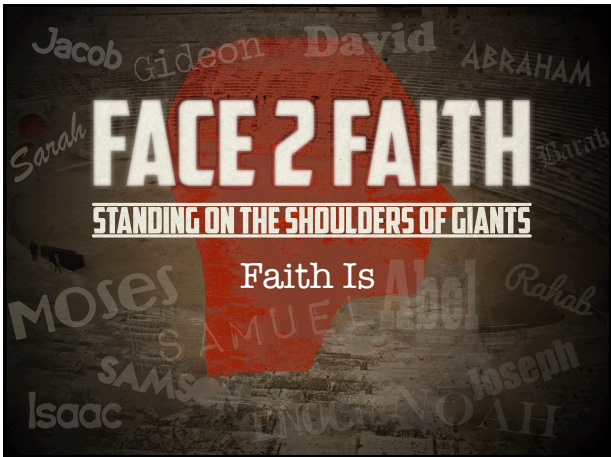
5And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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FAITH

Faith is hope strengthened by spiritual evidence to become confidence in God

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