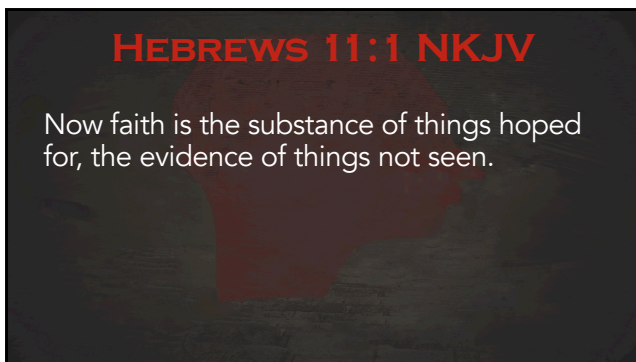
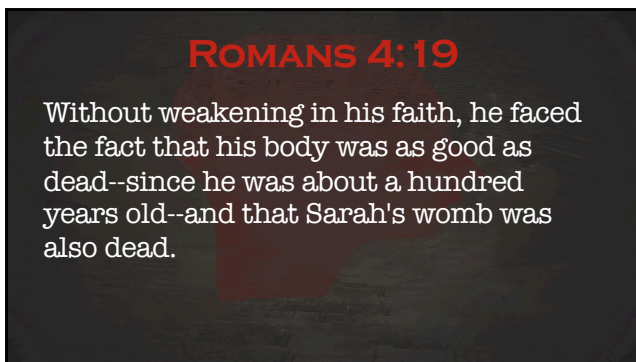




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2 This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem.

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3 The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. It said:

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JEREMIAH 29

4 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce.

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JEREMIAH 29

6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease

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- An Accident** God's judgment
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- Limited Impact** Affects social, economic, political and spiritual

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I NEVER LOST FAITH

"I never lost faith in the end of the story, I never doubted not only that I would get out, but also that I would prevail in the end and turn the experience into the defining event of my life...

-ADMIRAL STOCKDALE

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STOCKDALE'S PARADOX

You must retain faith that you will prevail in the end regardless of difficulties and at the same time you must confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.

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MAKE CIRCUMSTANCES WORK

"Accept life as it is and make the best of it. Live in the world you inhabit. Look upon things as they are. Take them as you find them. Make the best of them. Turn them to your advantage"

-Robert E. Lee

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HEBREWS 12:7 NIV

7Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

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JEREMIAH 29

7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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JEREMIAH 29

8 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream,

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JEREMIAH 29

9 for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the Lord. 10 "For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

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1 TIMOTHY 2

1 First of all, then, I urge that
supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for all people,
2 for kings and all who are in high
positions, that we may lead a peaceful
and quiet life, godly and dignified in
every way.

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JEREMIAH 29

11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

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JEREMIAH 29

13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes...

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THIS IS NOT

- An Accident** God's judgment
- Short-term** Prepare for this to be 70 years
- Limited Impact** Affects social, economic, political and spiritual
- Without Opportunities** God wants to teach them to prosper in this season

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ISAIAH 48:17

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

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FACE 2 FAITH

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

Faith Faces Facts

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