

## TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** Everyday Heroes  
**Message:** Have A Little Faith  
**Speaker:** Brandon Pendleton  
**Date:** August 3/4, 2019

What impacted you in this week's message?

Hebrews 11 is known as the faith hall of fame. Find some time to read it and choose one person from that chapter for additional research. What did you learn about the person and their faith journey with God?

Read James 2:14-26. Are there areas in your life where your actions don't line up with your faith? What can you do to change that?

Read Matthew 14:22-33. What area(s) in your life is God calling you out of the boat to fully focus and rely on Him in the midst of the wind blowing? How can you continue to take steps of faith that would ensure you don't begin to sink in the water?

Read Hebrews 11:6. Why is faith so important to God?

What are some steps you can take to grow, mature your faith in Jesus and truth expressed in God's Word?

The opposite of faith is doubt. Simply put, doubt is disbelief. Is there anything in your faith journey that is causing you to doubt God, Jesus or the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. Read Matthew 11:1-7 and consider your own testimony.

For the follower of Jesus, what sticks out to you in Jesus's response to John the Baptist's disciples? How does that apply to your life?

For the follower or one that is considered on the edge (i.e. not a follower), Jesus and "Christianity" invites investigation and scrutiny. In your pursuit of truth, a good recommendation will be the book, "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel or Why Jesus? By Ravi Zacharias.

If you don't currently have a regular plan for reading and learning your Bible, please check out New Hope's Bible Reading Plan by going to [nhcbrp.com](http://nhcbrp.com).

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**  
MSG – The Message  
NLT – New Living Translation  
TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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**Faith = belief, confidence, trust and reliance**

*What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.*

Hebrews 11:1 (TLB)

**Faith starts and grows with messages.**

*<sup>14</sup> But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? <sup>15</sup> And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"*

*<sup>16</sup> But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "LORD, who has believed our message? <sup>17</sup> So, faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ."*

Romans 10:14-17 (NLT)

**Faith leads to and is proven by actions.**

*<sup>21</sup> Wasn't our ancestor Abraham "made right with God by works" when he placed his son Isaac on the sacrificial altar? <sup>22</sup> Isn't it obvious*

*that faith and works are yoked partners, that faith expresses itself in works? That the works are "works of faith"? <sup>23</sup> The full meaning of "believe" in the Scripture sentence, "Abraham believed God and was set right with God," includes his action. It's that mesh of believing and acting that got Abraham named "God's friend." <sup>24</sup> Is it not evident that a person is made right with God not by a barren faith but by faith fruitful in works? <sup>25</sup> The same with Rahab, the Jericho harlot. Wasn't her action in hiding God's spies and helping them escape—that seamless unity of believing and doing—what counted with God? <sup>26</sup> The very moment you separate body and spirit, you end up with a corpse. Separate faith and works and you get the same thing: a corpse.*

James 2:21-26 (NLT)

**Faith is not the absence of challenges or promise of an easy life. Rather, the testing of faith is for our benefit.**

*I have told you all this so that you will have peace of heart and mind. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows; but cheer up, for I have overcome the world.*

John 16:33 (TLB)

*<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So, let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

James 1:2-4 (NLT)

**Faith is fundamental to a relationship with God.**

*It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6 (MSG)

*Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!*

Psalms 34:8 (NLT)

EVERYDAY

# HEROES

AND WHAT THEY CAN TEACH US



In recent years, the film industry has provided an endless array of movies telling stories of our favorite comic book heroes. While our TV sets seem stuck in a cycle of dark news, these films offer us the hope of good over evil; of the ordinary becoming extraordinary. We have a source of similar stories to draw from that offer more than a fictional escape. The Bible profiles people and experiences that can give us hope, plus a model to follow that brings great purpose to our ordinary lives.

## FIRST TIME GUESTS

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. We're glad you are here!

**WE'RE  
SO GLAD  
YOU JOINED  
US TODAY!**

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CHURCH

We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if He even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Women's Fall One Day Conference

Saturday, September 28

8am-3:30pm

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IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME!

# HOPE FOR HELP

**5K RUN/WALK  
AND KIDS COLOR RUN**

OCTOBER 19TH, 2019

Run Thru the Crosspointe Community

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH- 7 PM**

Join us for a free family-friendly movie sponsored by the Men's Ministry!

### WONDER PARK



# We ♥ Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers and enjoy giving them a special shout out. This week, we'd like to recognize **Tracy Benson**. Tracy serves on our Greeter/Usher Team, welcoming each of our guests with her friendly smile. She exudes a genuine warmth that shows she enjoys serving New Hope Church. **Thank you Tracy!** We appreciate you! The Greeter/Usher Team is the perfect team to dip your toes into when looking for a place to serve. It is just a ONE service a month commitment. If you would like to join this team or investigate any other team, contact [carolann.gregoire@newhope.org](mailto:carolann.gregoire@newhope.org).



## GOT 30 SECONDS TO SAVE A LIFE? EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE FOR INOVA BLOOD DONOR SERVICES

Due to an extreme shortage of lifesaving blood products, New Hope is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, August 17th in the atrium. Donation times are 11 am – 3 pm. Make your life-saving appointment today!

Sign up at [bit.ly/2019NHCBLOOD](https://bit.ly/2019NHCBLOOD) or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES  
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