

## “Actions Speak”

Experiencing God – week 8

Hebrews 11:1-6

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Let’s review our first four essentials:

1. God is always \_\_\_\_\_ around you.
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ a love relationship with you that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God \_\_\_\_\_ you to become \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal Himself, His purposes and His ways.

Faith is NOT –

- A leap in the dark
- A gamble
- An uncertainty
- A good luck charm

Faith rests on a foundation in the person of Jesus Christ.

### Turning Point

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

**Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)**

“Now faith is the substance of things hope for, the evidence of things not seen.”

**Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)**

Hypostasis – that which rests upon facts; confidence, assurance. Opposite of hypothesis.

When God says Go and Do, you will face a crisis of belief!

**Encounters – require \_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ !**

“By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by

*faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.”*

**Hebrews 11:4 (NIV)**

What you believe about God will determine what you do next.

Cain – brought a ‘works’ based offering.

Abel – brought a sacrificial offering, a blood sprinkled offering.

If we’re not careful, we can approach faith by coming with our work first and not our faith first.

### Actions reveal beliefs...

“By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.” **Hebrews 11:5 (NIV)**

God is far more interested in you walking with Him than He is interested in getting a job done for Him.

The key ingredient - \_\_\_\_\_

### Faith requires action

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.” **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

Salvation is a *free gift* and comes by faith. That faith requires action on our part as we live out a Christ-centered life.

“Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen.”

Oswald Sander

What has God been asking of you? Do you believe that He can work through you to accomplish His work?

Most Christians are just one prayer away from God doing a mighty work.