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Hebrews 10:35-39; 11:1-2

As we study Hebrews 11, we will learn that a life pleasing to God is one of faith. Hebrews 11 begins by answering the question, "What is real faith?" Once we understand what faith is, then we can grow in our ability to exercise that faith.

1. Biblical faith...

"True biblical faith is not an emotional kind of wishful thinking; it is an inner conviction based on the Word of God (Romans 10:17)." (Warren Wiersbe)

J. Oswald Sanders says, "Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen."

a. Intellectual assent - believing something is true

"the assurance of things hoped for"

"Now, in order to faith, it is necessary that I should not only read the Scriptures and understand them, but that I should receive them in my soul as being the very truth of the living God." (Spurgeon)

b. Trust – acting on that which is true

"the conviction of things not seen"

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The person of faith lives his belief. His life is committed to what his mind and his spirit are convinced is true. (John MacArthur)

William Barclay said, “To the writer to the Hebrews faith is absolutely certain that what it believes is true and that what it expects will come.”

Andrew Murray said, “Faith is the spiritual faculty of the soul which deals with the spiritual realities of the future and the unseen.”

c. Distinguished by the object of your faith.

“Faith is that which looks to the Lord Jesus Christ.” (J. Vernon McGee)

2. Daily faith requires...

Jim Cymbala defines faith as “total dependence upon God that becomes supernatural in it’s working.”

“For by it the men of old gained approval.”

a. truth – take God at His Word

b. trust – trust God’s Word

The heroes of faith have one thing in common: they put their undivided confidence in God. In spite of all their trials and difficult circumstances, they triumphed because of their trust in God. For the author, faith is adhering to the promises of God, depending on the Word of God, and remaining faithful to the Son of God.¹

Someone once said, “Real faith is when our hearts draw near to God himself and receive His promises deep within us.” Let me encourage you to draw near to God and let your life be established and guided by a confidence in Him and in His Word.