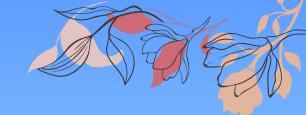
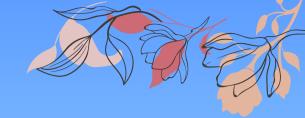
Faithin Action

Hebrews 11:1-6

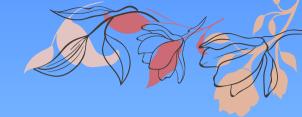


¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were

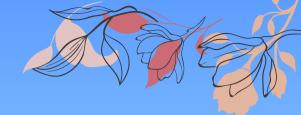
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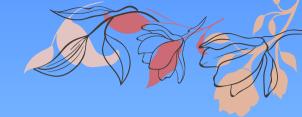
³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.



⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.



⁵ 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."[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.



⁶ 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.



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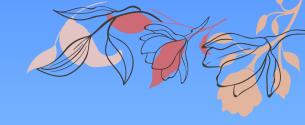


2 The Necessity of Faith (11:3, 6)

The Challenge to Live in Faith



The Nature of Faith (11:1-2)



a. Confident assurance – what we hope for is going to happen (11:1a)

b. Evidence of things we cannot yet see – (11:1b)

Faith is something a believer receives. (Romans 12:3) 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. (NKJV) / "with the faith God has distributed to each of you (NIV)

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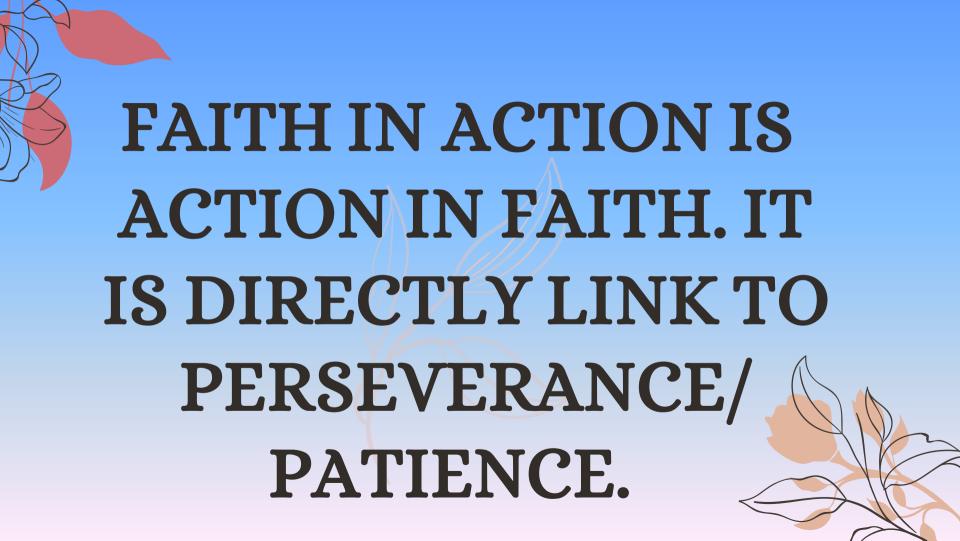
a. God's commendation/approval - The ancient believers were commended/approved by God. (11:2) b. God's power - With it, we are able to believe the power of God. (11:3) c. God is pleased - With it, we are able to please the Person of God (11:6)

3 The Challenge to Live in Faith

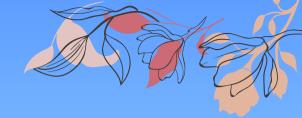
a. The just shall live by faith (Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38)

b. Walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7)

c. Fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim 6:12)



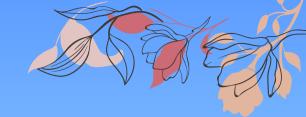
A Call to Persevere in Faith



(Heb 10:19-23 Modern English Version)

19 Therefore, brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way that He has opened for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh, 21 and since we have a High Priest over the house of God,

A Call to Persevere in Faith



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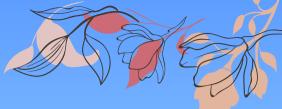
22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse them from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us firmly hold the profession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Heb 10:35-36 (MEV)

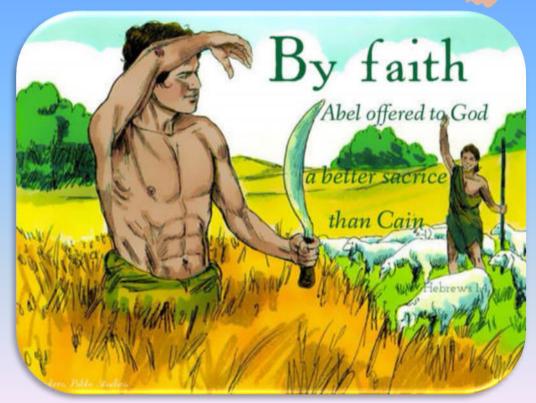


35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which will be greatly rewarded.

36 For you need patience, so that after you have done the will of God, you will receive the promise.

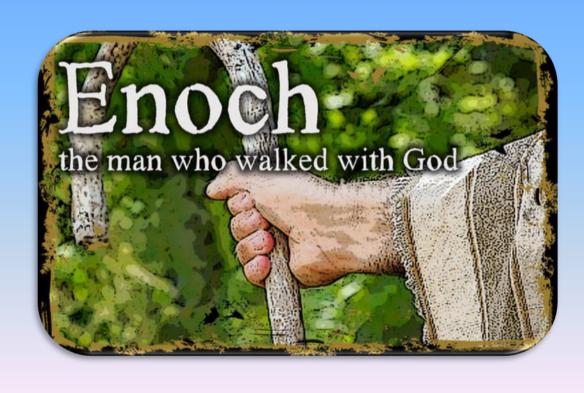


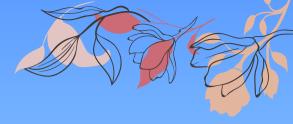
- By faith, Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did (Heb. 11:4 - Gen. 4:4; 1 John 3:12)





- By faith, Enoch lived his life as someone who pleased God (Heb. 11:5)





- By faith, Noah built an ark in dry land at a time when no one has ever seen rain or floodwaters (Heb. 11:7) "And Noah did everything just as God commanded him (Gen 6:22)





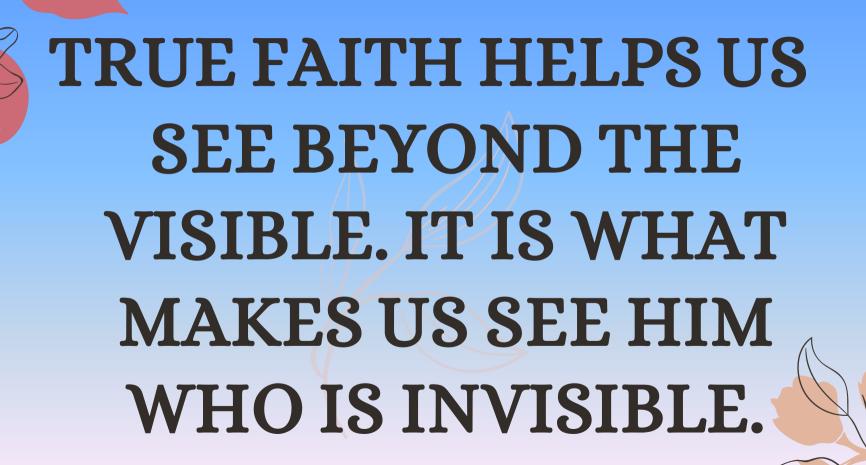
By faith, Abraham (Heb. 11:8) obeyed God though he did not know where he was going. (v17) willingly obeyed God to offer his son Isaac. You don't need to know much if you know who is leading you.



- By faith, Sarah considered God who had made a promise to be faithful (Heb. 11:11-12)



James 2:17-19 (17) In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. (18) But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds. "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. (19) You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder. (24) You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.



1) A Roman centurion demonstrates faith. (Matt 8:1-13)



2) Four men opened someone's roof so they could get a paralyzed man in front of Jesus (Luke 5:7-26)



3) A blind beggar receiving his eyesight (Luke 18:38-42).



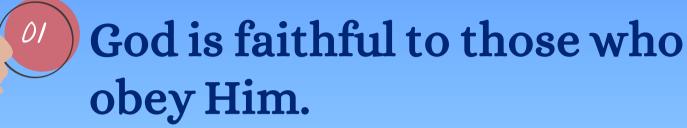
4) Two blind men received according to their faith (Matt 9:27-30).



5) A lame beggar jumped to his feet and began to walk (Acts 3:1-16).









God desires dependence and trust in Him – not faith in our ability to trust Him nor please him.





Faith without works is dead (James 2:17-26).



People who take action in faith can do signs and wonders through Christ for Christ's name.