

Faith is trusting in something that we cannot see. As Christians, we have faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior. We trust in the Word of God that we can be saved from our sin by grace as a gift from God. He calls us to trust in Him above all other things that this world has to offer. We cannot see God, but we can see the works of God demonstrated by our faith in Him.

- Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- 2 Cor 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
- Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
- Heb 11:6-8 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- Heb 11:11-12 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.
- Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,
- Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.
- Job 37:5 God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend.
- Matt 17:20-21 So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

Discussion Item 1: *How strong is your faith today? Has God's faithfulness in the past increased your faith for today?*

Discussion Item 2: *When have you ignored God and not exercised your faith in Him? Were there consequences and if so – to what extent?*

Life Application: *Identify a "god" in your life (such as money or a relationship) that you trust in more than God for security and make a decision to transfer that trust to God.*

Helpful Definition:

hope- Christ is the actual ;object of the believer's hope, because it is in his second coming that the hope of glory will be fulfilled. A living hope, a hope not frail and perishable, but having a perennial life. (Easton)

Notes:

Proverb 12:28 In the way of righteousness *is* life, And in *its* pathway *there is* no death.

Psalm 25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.