

HEB. 11 - FAITH IS.....

Heb. 11:6 - 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.

I. _____ WHEN I DON'T _____ IT - v. 1 - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Faith is the _____ that God is Who He says He is, and the anticipation that He will do what He says He will do.

II. OBEYING WHEN I DON'T _____ IT - v. 8 - By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going

- A. He didn't know _____ he was going.
- B. He didn't know _____ the promise would be fulfilled - v. 11
- C. He didn't know _____ the promise would be fulfilled.

III. _____ WHEN I DON'T HAVE IT - v. 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.

II Cor. 8:2,3 – “out of extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.”

IV. PERSISTING WHEN I DON'T _____ LIKE IT - v. 27 - By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

Get your eyes on _____, not the problems or your feelings.

V. THANKING GOD _____ I RECEIVE IT . v. 30 - By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

The lesson for us is that faith is not believing God CAN do something, or WILL do something (that's hope) - but that GOD IS _____ DOING SOMETHING.

VI. TRUSTING IF I DON'T _____ IT - v. 35b – 40 - There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. ³⁹These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

2 truths in these verses: 1. God always answers prayer 2. He doesn't always answer the way we want Him to

He may be silent, but He is not absent.

So how can we increase our faith? How can we build our faith?

1. Place your faith in _____ - not in faith or yourself
2. Spend time in God's Word - Rom. 10:17 - Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.
3. Feed your _____ - discard your doubts. "help my unbelief"
4. Come to the end of yourself. When you've got nothing left but God, you learn that God is enough!

