

“A LIFE OF FAITH”

Introduction: What does it take to please God?

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) “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.”

FIVE ASPECTS OF FAITH

1. Faith is _____ when I don't see it.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

- Humans say, “I'll believe it when _____”.

2. Faith is _____ when I don't understand it.

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT) “It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before.”

- Draw a line from the word “faith” to the word “obeyed.”

Hebrews 11:8 (TEV) “It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him, and go out to a country, God had promised to him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going.”

- Get ready for social _____!
- Every time God tells you to do something, it is a _____.

3. Faith is _____ when I don't have it.

Hebrews 11:4 (TEV) “It was faith that made Abel's offering to God a better sacrifice than Cain's. Through his faith...God approved of his giving.”

- Two ways to give: by _____; or by _____.

II Corinthians 8: 2-3 (ANT) “Their abundance of joy...have overflowed in a wealth of generosity. For they gave beyond their ability and they did it voluntarily.”

4. Faith is _____ when I don't feel like it.

Hebrews 11:27 (JB) “It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the King's anger. He held to his purpose like a man who could see the invisible.”

- Our culture says, “If it feels good, _____!”

5. Faith is _____, if I don't get it.

Hebrews 11: 39-40 (NIV) “They were all commended for their faith yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better...”

- God promises to meet all your _____; not your _____.
- God answers every prayer: Four ways:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. I have a _____!

CONCLUSION:

Romans 10:17 (NIV) “Faith comes from hearing the word of God...”