

God's Approval > Hebrews 11:1-16

11:1-2 *Faith that believes in God.* Faith is how we respond to God's promises. It is how we trust in what God has said even before we fully receive all that he has told us.

11:3-7 *Faith that pleases God.* It is possible to please God: not to earn his blessing, but to respond to who he is through our belief and actions.

11:8-12 *Faith that trusts God.* Abraham and Sarah provide examples of a belief that trusts – a conviction that what the Lord says is good and true and best even when we aren't sure about the future or how things will work out.

11:13-17 *Faith that acts for God.* Faith that trusts God means being able to believe him even when you don't receive (in this life) what is promised. It's trusting the Lord to provide what you need for an eternity of joy in him.

Background: At the end of **Hebrews 10**, we were challenged to not shrink back from faith, but instead to lean deeper in. What does that look like? **Hebrews 11** gives the examples.

The Point: Having faith looks like believing in the Lord, trusting his words, and responding with obedience.

Head: Do you believe that all God says is good and true?

Heart: Will you rely on the Lord for life and salvation?

Hands: How will you live by faith? How will your actions respond to what you believe about the Lord?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
