



Hebrews 11:1-3 The Life of Faith

“Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 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.”

Strong faith is produced in hard times.

Jeremiah 12:5. NIV

"If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If in the land of peace in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the flood plain in the Jordan?"

I. The Essence of Faith

Hebrews 11:1 *“Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

Our Faith is only as good as its object.

True Faith clings to the promises of God, not to the feelings or preferences of man.

Substance - A foundation.

Evidence – Trusting, a Satisfying Conviction.

There is a spiritual reality around us that we don't see with our natural eye.

Hebrews 11:2 "for by it the elders obtained a good testimony."

Hebrews 11:5 "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. 'For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ... For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.'"

Hebrews 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."

II. By Faith we understand

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."

Genesis 1:1 "in the beginning God created the heavens and earth."

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