

# What Faith Is

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 11:1-7.

B. Man's reason, as it is now, is missing an essential truth about life.

C. If we accept and act on these truths (acting in faith), then we will live reasonably.

## II. The life of faith centers on Jesus.

A. Faith is the awareness of someone else (God).

1. It is an assurance resulting from this that someone (God) will bring us to something better.

2. Faith always anticipates—it moves towards an expected event in the future.

3. We see these principles in Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph—they prayed in anticipation of things to come.

B. Faith always acts. Faith is something to be done right now in view of a coming event.

C. Faith risks. Abraham went out not knowing where he was going.

D. Faith sees beyond reason.

1. Abraham trusted that God would give him children, of which we are a part spiritually. (Romans 4)

2. Abraham trusted that God would raise Isaac from the dead even though he was commanded to sacrifice him.

3. Faith dares—it does not look at impossibilities.

H. Faith perseveres.

1. Men, women and faith were looking to fulfill God's purposes.

2. We are called to weigh the present in light of the future.

3. Faith perseveres by looking unto Jesus because He is the author and finisher of faith.

4. Jesus is within us by faith—He is the power we need.

## Application questions:

1. What is faith? What does it behold?

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2. Which character in Hebrews 11 stands out to you as a witness? Why?

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3. How can faith help you in a trial that you are currently facing? Explain.

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