

# Faith

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Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

**In Hebrews 10:38, we are told that the righteous shall live by faith. Per Hebrews Chapters 1-10, our faith is based entirely on Jesus. As we embrace Jesus and what HE has done for us, we have confidence and assurance of our salvation and eternal life with HIM. Our faith is based on this revealed truth. This is what we expect. In this verse, the word “Hope” literally means expect. I do not know why it isn’t translated that way. Personally, I believe everywhere we see this word “hope” in the NT, you should translate it as expect. Thus, we have confidence and expect God to do what HE said. Therefore, we have assurance in what we do not see. Faith recognizes the reality of the unseen and allows decisions to be governed by that reality. In 2 Cor. 5:7 the apostle says, “We live by faith, not by sight.”**

***Faith, although directed to future realities, give us confidence in the present. Faith is our day to day living reality. We may paraphrase this verse: Faith through its active character gives substance to the reality of things hoped for, and it demonstrates the truth of things not yet seen. We have confidence expecting God to act on our behalf. We have Biblical examples to help us understand:***

Hebrews 11:2 (NIV)

Faith is what the ancients were commended for.

**Now in Chapter 11, we are given Biblical examples of those who lived by faith. This magnificent chapter presents great heroes of the faith who had their hearts set upon, and their lives controlled by, **a great unseen reality.** In order to encourage us to have faith in the unseen, the ability of God to bring something out of nothing, God reminds us of something that only God could know and only God could do and that cannot be humanly proved.**

**God is showing us why we should have faith and expect HIM to do what HE says.**

Hebrews 11:3 (NIV)

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.

**God is supreme. In the beginning there was absolutely nothing, but God, and when HE spoke the physical came forth and then HE brought forth life where there was not life. Faith, Genesis 1:3, "God said and brought something from nothing!" God reinforces this truth multiple times in the OT.**

Isaiah 44:24 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,  
who formed you from the womb:

"I am the LORD, who made all things,  
who alone stretched out the heavens,  
who spread out the earth by MYSELF."

**This means that any promise God makes to us, we have the assurance that HE will bring it to pass even if we cannot see it at the present time.**

**Therefore, we have faith and believe God now in the present. Abraham throughout Scripture is identified as a man of faith. What did Abraham do? He believed God.**

Romans 4:17 (ESV)

God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**This is a promise to each of us today. Faith is standing on the Word of God expecting God to do what HE said HE would do even if we can't presently see it. Through Jesus, we believe God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. We believe God not only for our salvation, but also for our on-earth situations. This is the promise for us in Hebrews and Chapter 11 will give us multiple examples.**

**This is our position with God through Jesus.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.